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PRESIDENT WILSON ARRIVES FROM FRANCE

Atlantic Fleet Vessels Form Escort

ADDRESS SENATE ON THURSDAY

Appearance of the President Before the Senate Expected to Eclipsed All Other Matters during the Week. Next Few Months to be Given Over to Consideration of Peace and League Covenant.

New York, July 8.—Escorted by a fleet of warships the transport George Washington, bringing President Wilson home from France, passed quarantine and moved on to New York harbor at 1:30 p. m. today.

As the transport passed Fort Hancock the guns boomed a Presidential salute, echoed ten minutes later by Fort Wadsworth. The shrill whistles of harbor craft took up the din.

The President and Mrs. Wilson stood on the bridge of the George Washington as the vessel steamed up the harbor to her pier at Hoboken, convoyed by destroyers and welcoming craft of all descriptions. The rails of the transport were lined with returning soldiers cheering and waving their caps.

The battleship Pennsylvania, bearing five members of the President's cabinet—Daniels, Baker, Lane, Glass and Wilson—led the way, followed by the Oklahoma with the George Washington at her stern.

The George Washington had a clear way up the harbor. Police and navy patrol boats preceded the transport and her escort, sending out of their path excursion craft, ferries and barges.

The George Washington turned in to her pier at 2:50 p. m., while the warships in her escort fired a presidential salute.

The George Washington docked at 3:10 p. m.

The George Washington was reported eight miles southeast of Ambrose lightship at 9:55 a. m. She was being led by two destroyers and one battleship and followed by two destroyers.

The George Washington and her convoy passed Ambrose Lightship at noon, led by the battleship Pennsylvania with Secretary Daniels and a party of other government officials.

As the George Washington and the escorting fleet of destroyers passed Sandy Hook the President's salute was fired by the guns on shore.

Samuel Compers, president of the American Federation of Labor, headed a delegation of twenty-five prominent labor leaders from Central and South American countries who went down the bay on a city ferry boat to aid in welcoming the President.

The South American labor leaders are in this city attending a conference of the Pan-American Federation of Labor which opened yesterday.

Another ferry boat carried 1,000 residents of Staten Island and a large number of relatives and friends of the soldiers returning on the George Washington.

New York, July 8.—Four dreadnaughts and 36 destroyers from the Atlantic fleet formed the escort that met the United States naval transport George Washington, with President Wilson aboard, 30 miles east of Sandy Hook early today. The Presidential salute from those vessels was the first of the many welcoming ceremonies awaiting the President on his arrival here this afternoon.

In the harbor were 45 warships, headed by the flagship Pennsylvania with Admiral B. Wilson aboard, assigned to join the out-harbor escort. Vice President Marshall and members of the cabinet were assigned to the Pennsylvania, while the city's official welcoming party, headed by Mayor Hylan and Governor Smith, were passengers aboard the municipal steamers Patrol and Correction.

To Speak Thursday.

On board the U. S. S. George Washington, July 7.—The president's message, to be delivered to congress on Thursday, is complete. The message will take about 20 minutes to read and contains 5,000 words devoted to the peace treaty and protocols and

THREE YOUNG MEN SECURE CONTROL OF GLASS FACTORY

Nearly Two-Thirds of Outstanding Capital in the Hands of Three Local Men.

Announcement was authorized several days ago by one of the majority stockholders, that a controlling interest in the Laurens Glass Works had passed into the hands of Messrs. Albert C. Dial, Ernest Easterby and H. Douglas Gray, three young business men of the city associated already in other lines of business. Agents for these men have been buying up the stock for some time and a few weeks ago had bought about \$30,000 of the outstanding capitalization of \$17,000. It is understood that the price paid was around par and interest.

The Laurens Glass Works was organized about ten years ago and began operations soon after. At first it was handicapped by lack of capital and inexperience incident to a pioneer industry, but after several years of hard struggles it began to get on a better basis and is now one of the city's substantial industries. C. H. Roper is president of the enterprise and Albert C. Dial secretary and general manager.

SPECIAL MEETING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Dr. D. W. Daniel of Clemson College, has Consented to Come and Make Address.

The local Chamber of Commerce is looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the big general meeting which is to be held next Monday night in the court house, when Dr. D. W. Daniel and possibly Sen. E. D. Smith will be present to make addresses. The meeting is to be in the nature of a get-together affair and the public generally, both from the city, surrounding towns and the rural sections, is invited. Dr. Daniel has already accepted the invitation to be present and if Sen. Smith does not come the program will be arranged to suit the occasion.

This public meeting was provided for at the last regular session of the Chamber of Commerce and was in answer to a demand for closer co-operation between town and country. Dr. W. H. Dial, president of the chamber of commerce, will preside over the meeting.

Registration Books Close.

According to the legal announcement which has been running in the newspapers of this city, the time for registering for the power election to be held on July 22nd, expires Saturday night. It is learned that very few have registered. Those not registering before that time will not be empowered to vote.

the work of the peace conference.

It is understood these peace conference subjects are dealt with on board general lines without taking up the large questions of the treaty in detail, as this probably will come later when the foreign relations committee of congress examines the details. The president also will have an opportunity to go over these matters with members of the committee. In this examination of the terms he will have the cooperation of a number of specialists now returning with the presidential party, who have dealt with the detailed branches such as those concerning reparations, territorial readjustments and economic questions.

The weather is hot and humid, the sea is smooth and the sky cloudy. The president will talk this afternoon over the wireless telephone with officials at Washington. The wireless telephone has been working during the night and this morning with the naval radio station of New Brunswick, N. J. Despite unfavorable static conditions, the voices of those ashore were heard distinctly here and conversations were carried on successfully. By means of mechanical relay at New Brunswick, connection will be established between the president's study on board ship and the White House.

President Wilson's speech, to be delivered at Carnegie Hall in New York city tomorrow afternoon will not be prepared in advance. He will speak extemporaneously and confine himself to an acknowledgement of the greeting given him and his satisfaction at being home again. Questions relating to the peace treaty and the work of the peace conference will be reserved for the discussion until the president first makes his report to congress.

YOUNG MAN'S LIFE COST OF BLUNDER

Keister Hair Fatally Wounded at Prosperity. Shot for Burglar.

Prosperity, July 7.—Keister Hair, son of B. B. Hair, was shot and fatally wounded here last night by G. W. Kinard, who mistakenly took him for a burglar a party of which Kinard was a member was trying to capture. Hair and several young people were at the home of a friend opposite the store of Mr. Kinard when they noticed three men go behind Mr. Kinard's establishment and later heard them break into the store. Several men, including Mr. Kinard, who had been notified, surrounded the building to capture the burglars and when Mr. Hair came around the corner Mr. Kinard shot him with a shotgun, thinking him one of the burglars.

The load took effect in the abdomen, puncturing the intestines over 100 times. Young Hair was given first aid by local physicians and later rushed to a Columbia hospital for an operation. After stitching 93 punctures in the abdomen doctors at the Columbia Hospital saw there was no chance for the wounded man and gave up hope. He died about 10 o'clock this morning, a message to relatives stated. All efforts to save his life were made, but the intestines and stomach were literally torn to pieces, making it impossible to save him.

Mr. Hair was one of the most popular young men of the community and has many friends who are grieved at the accident. He was a member of the Eighty-first division and served in France. He only returned from foreign soil last week and had been at home just a few days. Mr. Kinard is a well known merchant here and is grief stricken over the accident.

Young Hair is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Hair, and a brother, at the University of Chicago. The remains were brought here this afternoon from Columbia and will be interred at Prosperity Cemetery tomorrow.

Two of the robbers, who were the cause of the shooting, escaped, but the third was captured after a scuffle. Sheriff Blease arrived on the scene shortly after the fatal affair and is searching for the other two men.

MARTIN BUILDING

CHANGES HANDS

Ernest D. Easterby Buys Two Stores on Southeast Corner of the Public Square.

Mr. Ernest D. Easterby has purchased the two stores on the southeast corner of the public square from Mr. Henry Martin, the price not being made public. The corner store is being used by Hondros Brothers as a cafe and the other one is occupied by Abe Diamond, dry goods and clothing merchant. These stores are on a popular corner and are comparatively new, having been built after a fire about eight years ago.

Buy's Watts Mills Store.

Mr. T. D. Lake, of this city, and his son-in-law, Mr. Joe Phinney, of Clinton, with an army friend of Mr. Phinney, Lieut. James Martin, of Alabama, have purchased the Watts Mills department store and will begin operating it as soon as the details of the deal can be completed. Mr. Phinney, who was a lieutenant in the army and only recently received his discharge, and Mr. Martin will be in personal charge of the store. It is understood that they will add to the already large stock and adopt the cash plan of sales.

Officers Expected Home

Relatives of Lieut. Ben A. Sullivan and Lieut. Charles Fleming received telegrams from them the first of this week stating that they had arrived in New York and would be home soon. Both of these men were former members of the Traynam Guards. Lieut. Sullivan secured a transfer to the army of occupation after the armistice. Lieut. Fleming was transferred to another division when he won his commission.

Large Land Deal.

Mr. G. W. Long and sons, Artemus and O. L. Long, sold their farm, formerly part of the Shaw estate, to Knight & Edwards, of Fountain Inn. This tract of land, containing 412 acres, was bought by them from Mr. J. McD. Moore about a year ago, and was sold to Knight & Edwards at a handsome profit. It is understood that Knight & Edwards paid \$30,250 for the property.

SHERIFF RECTOR SLAIN LAST FRIDAY

Homicide Result of Long-Standing Grudge. Gosnell Shot Four Times.

Greenville, July 6.—That Sheriff Rector was shot three times by Jake Gosnell in Briscoe's garage on West Court street shortly after noon Friday following an exchange of words in which Rector cursed Gosnell was the statement made by W. Bunyan Keller, former deputy sheriff and jailor, at the inquest held yesterday morning in the county courthouse to ascertain the manner in which Sheriff Rector came to his death. Mr. Keller was the only witness examined at the inquest, and so far as is known, was one of two eyewitnesses to the shooting, the other being Mrs. Jake Gosnell, wife of the man who is held for the death of the Greenville county sheriff.

After hearing the evidence of Mr. Keller, the jury of inquest lost no time in rendering the following verdict:

"We, the jury, find that Hendrix Rector came to his death by gunshot wounds at the hands of Jake Gosnell."

The members of the jury were Lee Cosby, W. P. Vaughn, Avery Vaughn, J. L. Ivester, W. O. Carnes and Sam M. Snow. They had been drawn as jurors Friday afternoon and had viewed the body of Sheriff Rector at the undertaking establishment of Ramseur, McAfee & Co., then so that it could be removed to the Rector home on the outskirts of the city.

The courtroom was packed to the doors with standing room not available for a part of the crowd that tried to gain entrance. The inquest had been set for 11 o'clock and the arrival of that hour found a large and eager throng awaiting the opening of the courthouse, which had been closed for the day out of respect for the dead sheriff, but which was opened long enough to hold the inquest, because another place anything like large enough could not be secured. When the front door was opened the crowd poured in until the courtroom was filled to overflowing and a considerable number congregated in the lobby outside. Immediately after the inquest the crowd left the building and it was again closed and remained so the balance of the day.

Mr. Keller, upon being sworn, was questioned first by Solicitor Martin and went forward without hesitation with the story of the shooting as he saw it. Only the few people who were near the witness chair could hear what he said, as the solicitor sat but a few feet away, and because of hoarseness asked questions in a subdued voice. The people in the middle of the courtroom, near the door and in the gallery caught but little of what was said.

The witness began by saying he knew Sheriff Rector and saw the shooting at Briscoe's garage Friday. He said he, Jake Gosnell, Gosnell's wife and two mechanics were in the garage when Rector came in from the street through the door used by automobiles in coming in and going out; that Rector spoke to Gosnell, saying "Good morning, Jake;" that Gosnell did not speak, but that he (Keller) said "Good morning, sheriff," whereupon Rector replied, "Fine Bunyan, how are you." He said Gosnell failed to return Rector's greeting and Rector said: "G—d— you, I don't care whether you speak or not. I thought I would show you I would speak to you." Then, said the witness, Gosnell got up from a kneeling position beside his car, which was being repaired, and said: "I don't want to speak to you or have anything to do with you." Then, the witness testified, Gosnell started to kneel back down, and Rector walked a short distance past him and said: "You dirty ———, I don't care whether you speak or not," stopping and turning his body slightly toward Gosnell as he spoke. At this point, said the witness, Gosnell drew his pistol and fired four times, Rector going down at the first report. All the shots, he declared, were fired in rapid succession and Rector's head seemed to drop to the floor faster than the rest of the body, with the result that he fell, the side of his face being first to hit the floor. Keller testified that when Gosnell shot Rector had his right hand on his body, in front, and he thought either in his belt or hitched in his suspenders. He said also that Rector had a cigarette or cigar in his left hand when he entered the ga-

McGOWEN REUNION TO BE HELD IN AUGUST

Number of Prominent Speakers, on Program. Held at Liberty Springs Church, Cross Hill.

The following program has been suggested for the McGowan reunion to be held at Liberty Springs church, Cross Hill, August 1st:

10:30 to 10:35—Informal reception in church grove.

10:55—Instrumental solo—Rosa McGowan.

11:00—Invocation—Rev. W. D. Ratchford.

11:05—Song—"America".

11:10—Address of welcome—Dr. John H. Miller.

11:20—Response and keynote address—Captain John J. McSwain.

11:30—"What the Navy did to win the War"—Admiral Samuel McGowan.

12:00—"What the Council of Defense did to win the War"—Hon. Christie Benet.

12:15—"What the Press did to win the War"—(a)—The Press Bureau—Hon. P. H. McGowan. (b)—The Editorial Rooms—Dr. W. W. Ball.

12:45—"Old Glory"—Major W. C. McGowan.

1:00—Quartette—"Tenting on the Old Camp Ground"—(Local talent.)

1:10—"Echoes from the Camps at Home and Abroad"—Capt. Maxey Hanna, Capt. McGowan Holmes, Dr. Paul McGowan, Capt. Hamp White, Capt. W. B. McGowan, Capt. W. L. Nance, Dr. Hugh Benet, Pvt. Hassell Miller, Pvt. Calhoun McGowan, Pvt. Rev. Chandler.

1:30—Occupational Digest of the McGowan family—Prof. C. W. McSwain.

1:45—Memorial for deceased members since the last reunion—Mrs. W. L. Daniel.

2:00 to 3:00—Intermission for dinner.

3:00—Short talks by friends of the McGowan family: Gov. R. A. Cooper, ex-Gov. Richard I. Manning, Judge O. G. Thompson, Hon. J. F. J. Caldwell, Prof. Yates Snowden, Hon. A. P. McKissick.

4:00—Business—Election of officers, reports of committees, etc.

Love chain and song—"God be With You Till We Meet Again."

Benediction.

G. A. ALTMAN BURIED HERE.

Father of Mrs. Robert H. Roper Died at his Home in Hawkinsville, Ga. Friday.

Mr. G. A. Altman, father of Mrs. Robert H. Roper, of this city, died at his home in Hawkinsville, Ga., Friday and the remains were brought here for burial Sunday afternoon. Services and interment took place at the Laurens Cemetery, the services being conducted by Rev. S. H. Templeman and Rev. C. T. Squires.

Mr. Altman was 52 years of age and was an extensive farmer. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. R. H. Roper, of this city, and Mrs. A. A. Knight, of Tampa, Fla.

Sen. Dial a Visitor.

Senator Dial took advantage of the recess of Congress last week to come down and spend a few days at home. Sen. Dial said that he had no particular news to give out except that he was trying to do his duty as a senator and that he was acting without fear or favor. In regard to the judgeship, he said that he was ready to act as he thought everything had been said that would throw any light on the claims of the various candidates. For himself, he said, he accepted the responsibilities of patronage along with the other responsibilities and was ready to shoulder them. Therefore, he was not concerning himself a great deal about the effects of his acts upon himself.

rage, and thought he had it still when he was shot. He estimated that Rector and Gosnell were about eight feet apart when the shooting occurred. He did not think Rector had his right hand on his hip pocket when Gosnell fired, and had often seen him with that hand in his clothes.

Upon being cross-examined by Attorney Dean, Keller said he saw a pistol in Rector's hip pocket as he fell; that in the fall the corner of his coat flew up, revealing the weapon. He would not say positively just where Rector's right hand was when the shooting by Gosnell began.

As a result of the verdict by the jury of inquest, Gosnell will be tried for murder.

TOP SOIL ROADS NOW UNDER WAY

Work Started on Princeton Road

CROSS HILL GETS ROAD

County Highway Commission Witnessed Inauguration of Road Building Yesterday and Then Launched Fourth Project. Cross Hill Road to Get an Early Start.

In the presence of supervisor, several of the highway commission and a number of citizens, ground was broken near the city limits yesterday morning for the top-soil road from Laurens to Princeton. The work on this road has been let to Gremory & Thomas, contractors, and representatives of the firm were on hand to see that the work was properly undertaken. The firm has at present only one of three sections of its road working force, but the other two sections are expected at an early date.

The power work in grading is furnished by mules and horses, the foreman stating yesterday that motor power is not satisfactory for this particular kind of work. The stock is in good condition and the equipment of the best. Traffic is not being interfered with by the work going on, but drivers are expected to use care in passing teams.

Cross Hill Road Launched.

After witnessing the beginning of work upon the Princeton road the highway commission held a regular meeting in the office of the supervisor and took up other matters pertaining to the new roads. After a thorough discussion of plans for the future, the commission decided to launch its fourth project, the road from Spring Grove, by Cross Hill and Mart Teague place to the Shaw place to connect with the prospective road from Laurens through Waterloo to the Greenwood county line. Work upon this road will be started just as soon as top-soil and rights-of-way are granted. On account of the many details which have to be followed in getting the use of the federal aid, it is likely that the Cross Hill road, like the Princeton road, both of which are to be built without federal aid, will be well under way before the Enoree to Waterloo and Kinards to Fountain Inn roads are begun.

Sullivan Leads for Postmaster.

According to unverified reports and judging from the marks of the civil service commission that have been made public by the individual candidates for the postmastership, Mr. Jas. H. Sullivan, for the past few years county superintendent of education, received the highest mark in the competitive examination held to decide who would get the appointment and probably his name will be handed to the president for recommendation at an early date. It is generally conceded that Mr. Dial will not object to his appointment and that Mr. Sullivan will get the job. Mr. C. D. Barksdale secured the second highest mark and Mr. D. M. Norwood, assistant postmaster, came third. The marks of these three contestants were very close together.

Church Notice.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the Presbyterian church next Sabbath morning. Service preparatory to the Communion will be held this evening at 8:30 o'clock.

Our entire membership is urged to be present and we extend a cordial invitation to all of our brethren of the other branches of the church to worship with us in this memorial service.

We shall worship Sabbath evening with our Methodist brethren in the Methodist church.

C. T. SQUIRES,

Pastor.

Recommended for Rural Police.

At a meeting of the County Delegation held here last week, Mr. W. D. Sullivan, Jr., of Tumbling Shoals, was recommended to the governor for appointment as rural policeman to succeed L. C. Abercrombie, recently deceased.