ORIGINAL ILLEGIBLE

Meet King Priscus in Pensacola February 22-23

OFFICIAL from WASHINGTON—Fair Saturday; Sunday, fair, somewhat colder; light to moderate southwest winds, shifting to north.

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LINCOLN DAY OBSERVED IN MANY STATES

Exercises Were Conducted in Southern as Well as Northern Cities.

CORNERSTONE LAID AT HODGENVILLE

Many Addresses Were Delivered at These Exercises, President Roosevelt, Secretary of War, Luke E. Wright, Governor Wilson of Kentucky, and Former Governor Folk of Missouri Being Among the Principal Orators.

By Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 12.—Throughout the length and breadth of the United States today hundreds of cities, towns and hamlets paid tribute to the memory of Abraham Lincoln on this centennial anniversary of his birth. Several southern cities held exercises. Thousands of meetings of various kinds were in progress during the day and millions of persons participated. President Roosevelt proclaimed the day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories and in many states and cities the day was practically observed as a holiday.

At Peoria, Ill., there was an important celebration in which Baron Takahira, the Japanese ambassador, took part. In the celebration at Harrisburg, Pa., Vice President Fairbanks was the speaker and in the Pittsburg celebration James S. Sherman, the vice-president elect, delivered an address.

CORNER STONE LAID AT HODGENVILLE

By Associated Press.

Hodgenville, Ky., Feb. 12.—Henceforth the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln is to be marked by a pile of stone. The emancipator of a race, and more than that, the liberator of the thought of the nation, builded his own monument in the heart of the world, and the appropriate physical structure which has now found its beginning at the place where Lincoln first saw the light takes the simpler name of a memorial. It is to be a simple, but classic building of granite, and it is hoped it may be completed some time next fall when the then president, Taft, will officiate in dedicating it as the present president, Roosevelt, today officiated in laying it's foundation stone.

The cornerstone laying took place after appropriate forensic ceremonies, which were participated in by the president of the United States, Governor Willson, of Kentucky, former Governor Folk, of Missouri, the president of the Lincoln Farm association; Hon. Luke E. Wright, secretary of war, who spoke as an ex-Confederate soldier; General James Grant Wilson, who represented the Union soldiers, and I. T. Montgomery, of Mississippi, a negro and an ex-slave.

With one exception the orators, representing not only conflicting sides of the great struggle, but the present generation as well, two political parties and the white and black races, as well as different sections of the country, spoke from the same platform with the stars and stripes fluttering down over them.

Probably six or eight thousand people were present.

The negro Montgomery, said to have been the slave of Jefferson Davis, placed a copy of Lincoln's emancipation proclamation in a metallic box, skillfully concealed under the cornerstone.

ANTI-POOL ROOM MEASURE.

Helena, Mont., Feb. 12.—The senate today passed the anti-pool room measure and it now goes to the governor for his signature.

EX-CONVICTS AT BOTTOM OF FRAUD STORIES

Claimed They Are the Ones Who Made Charges Regarding Panama.

BLACKMAILING IS THE MOTIVE

These Are Some of the Charges Made by Representative Lovering of Massachusetts on the Floor of the House — He Also Claims Rainey Procured Information For His Speech From N. Y. World.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 12.—That Representative Rainey, of Illinois, got from the New York World his information regarding Panama canal affairs, which formed the subject of his recent speech, and that ex-convicts instigated the stories of fraud and corruption pertaining to the acquirement of title by the United States to the property, was the charge made today in the house of representatives by Representative Lovering, of Masaschusetts.

Lovering declared the perpetrators of these false statements are known, and the story of their doings reveals a chapter in the history of blackmailing that is rare in the annals of crime. "These gentlemen," he said, "are known, their names known, their aliases known, their haunts known, and their plans known."

He was pressed by Mr. Shackleford, of Missouri, for information as to who these convicts were, but Lovering would go no farther than to state that before long they will be produced in court. Last fall, said Lovering, an effort was made to sell the stories to the democratic campaign committee, and certain leaders of that party took the matter under consideration, but it was not used because it could not be substantiated. He charged that for nearly two years prior to this time "these same men had been pursuing Cromwell, with the expectation that they would be paid a large sum of money." He said Cromwell always met the persons with an indignant refusal.

In reply to a question by Mr. Gaines of Tennessee, Lovering admitted he was a "warm personal friend of Cromwell."

Rainey promised to reply at the first opportunity.

PROMINENT CHICAGO MAN IS A SUICIDE

Alderman Joseph F. Koheut, a Democratic Leader in the City Council, Shoots Himself.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Alderman Joseph F. Koheut, long a Democratic leader in the city council, committed suicide by shooting in the head, in the basement of his home today. He had gone to the basement while his wife was preparing breakfast. He was partially dressed and the impulse to commit suicide seemed to have come to him suddenly. Disappointment over the failure of his ward club to endorse him for renomination is supposed to have prompted the suicide of Alderman Koheut. His defeat seemed probable.

THE MAINE AS SHE LIES IN HAVANA HARBOR; VETERANS WHO HONOR VICTIMS' MEMORY

Washington, Feb. 12.—A patriotic pilgrimage will be made to Arlington National Cemetery the afternoon of February 15 in honor of the men of the Maine who met death in Havana harbor in 1898. After a short service at the big anchor of the ill-fated battleship, which stands as a grim sentinel at the entrance to the Maine section of the cemetery, floral remembrances will be placed on the anchor, three volleys will be fired over the section and a bugler will sound "taps." The pilgrims will be members of the Army and Navy union garrisons and others. Addresses are expected to be delivered by Vice President Fairbanks, Admiral Dewey, Admiral Schley, General Andrew S. Burt, Postmaster B. F. Barnes, Judge DeLacy, Captain Richmond P. Hobson and others.

BIG FLEET IS PICKED UP BY THE WIRELESS

Battleships Were About Two Thousand Miles From Hampton Roads When the Yankton Was Spoken.

By Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 12.—A wireless message from the tender Yankton, which is preceding the Atlantic battleship fleet now on its way to Hampton Roads after its cruise around the world, was picked up shortly after 4 o'clock this morning by the wireless station on Fire Island. The message was as follows:

"Yankton, 8 p. m., February 11, latitude 32.44 north, longitude 52.04 west. Fleet 34.36 north; 30.19 west. Fine weather; speed 10 1-2 knots. Cruise uneventful."

Receiving stations in this vicinity have thus achieved a remarkable record in the last twenty-four hours in picking up messages from both the Atlantic and Pacific fleet, a communication from the battleship New Hampshire, somewhere in Southern waters, having been picked up by the Coney Island station of the United Wireless company last night.

According to the longitude and latitude as given by the dispatch from the Yankton, the battleships are about 1,080 miles west of Gibraltar and the Yankton 945 miles ahead. This places the Yankton only 540 miles east of Bermuda and the fleet a little over 2,000 miles from Hampton Roads.

This schedule as announced before the departure of the vessels from Gibraltar said that they would reach Hampton Roads about February 22 or 25, but if their position as indicated by the wireless is correct, at the present rate of speed they should arrive on February 19 or 20. They left Gibraltar February 6. In a longitudinal position the ships last night were about 200 miles south of the Azores, which places them a little south of the line drawn directly west from Gibraltar.

JURY COMPLETED IN COOPER-SHARP CASE.

By Associated Press.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 12.—Hardly had the jury been completed today in the Cooper-Sharp murder trial, but that the state served notice it might seek to again deplete the box. This incident followed a werisome day. When Judge Hart ordered the sheriff to bring the complete jury into the court to be sworn Attorney General McCarn interposed.

McCarn said his information came too late to be used before, and asked until Saturday morning to produce proof, if such proof existed. Judge Hart consented to the delay. The nature of the information concerning the jurors was not disclosed.

CLAIMS HE IS DISCOVERER OF CHLOROFORM

Chicago Medical Society is to Make Investigation and Endeavor to Settle the Question.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—The claim of Dr. Samuel Guthrie as the discoverer of chloroform is to be investigated by the Chicago Medical Society. A special committee has been appointed to delve into the records of the past.

The recent death of Ossian Guthrie, son of Dr. Guthrie, has brought the dispute up at this time. An immense boulder is owned by the descendants of Dr. Guthrie, and it is desired to place it in a park with a suitable tablet to his memory. The commissioners are willing to accept the boulder as a piece of scenery, but refused to allow any inscription. The medical society feels that something should be done to settle the question of the discovery.

TAFT'S CREOLE BANQUET WAS A BIG SUCCESS

President-Elect Toasted by Governor, Mayor and Many Citizens in New Orleans Last Night.

By Associated Press.

New Orleans, Feb. 12.—President-elect Taft breathed the distinctive atmosphere of New Orleans hospitality today and tonight. His morning was devoted to the negro race, his afternoon to leisure and recreation, with the tension of entertainment as light as possible, but with the shades of evening there gathered about him a genial host, multiplied by eminence, rank and distinction.

The entertainment feature of tonight was the Creole banquet, where the savoriness of the cuisine, with it's hundreds of years of perfection and reputation, blended with honied words of compliment and oratory, music and floral tribute, into a scene of animation and vivacity, tempered with respect and dignity.

Taft was toasted by the governor, the mayor, by citizens of prominence and speakers of reputation. The feeling invocation was pronounced by Cardinal Gibbons, who is in the city visiting his brother. Taft responded in the spirit of the occasion. He talked of his desire as chief executive to represent the whole nation, his intention to make the representatives of the administration in the south represent the best element of the communities in which they lived; of his recent visit to the isthmus, with a repetition of the hope of the completion of the canal within his administration.

One thousand citizens paid $25 a each for places at the board and considerably over half of these were present and from the early beginning until the late ending the scene was one of brilliance and animation.

AUTO OWNERS PREPARE FOR MARDI GRAS PARADE

ARMY OFFICER AND WIFE WHO ARE IN DISCORD

The domestic troubles of Colonel W. F. Tucker and his wife are now to have an airing before the war department. Col. Tucker is about to be retired because of ill health, and he hopes to receive his retirement on the usual pay, but Mrs. Tucker, who is the daughter of the late General John A. Logan, has different ideas. She and her mother are urging the department to administer "full retirement" to Col. Tucker.

Largely Attended Meeting Was Held in U. S. Court Room Yesterday.

ROUTE OF PARADE WAS SELECTED

Machines Will Be Decorated in Carnival Colors, and Will Contain Many Ladies. It Is to Occur February 23, Cars Assembling at Lee Square at 2:30 p. m.

Plans were mapped, rules adopted and the route selected for the Mardi Gras automobile parade at a largely attended meeting held yesterday morning in the United States court room, when owners of cars gathered and spent an hour or more in discussing the new feature of the Mardi Gras celebration. Every car, from runabout to touring car, will be in the line of the parade, the small machines heading the line, with the larger ones coming in order. Fred. W. Marsh has been selected as grand marshal for the event, and will be in active charge.

The regulations adopted at the meeting are as follows:

"Cars to be decorated in Carnival colors and other simple decorations. To contain no advertisement of any character, and no occupant to wear a mask. No car to contain more than two men including the driver, and should carry as many ladies or children as practicable."

Route of Parade.

The route of the parade, as selected yesterday, is as follows:

Assemble at Lee square at 2:30 p. m., Feb. 23, and proceed east on Gadsden street to Ninth avenue, thence south to Gregory, thence west on Gregory to Palafox, thence south on Palafox to Zarragossa, east on Zarragossa to Jefferson, north on Jefferson past city hall to Government, west on Government to Palafox, north on Palafox to Gregory, west on Gregory to Barcelona, north on Barcelona to Jackson, east on Jackson to Palafox, thence south on Palafox to Plaza and disband.

Cars in Parade.

The cars and the order in which they will appear in the parade are as follows:

1. F. W. Marsh.
2. F. W. Marsh.
3. E. W. Davis.
4. John Bailey.
5. Lieut. Davis.
6. N. Goldring.
7. Dr. L. M. Blocker.
8. William Fisher.
9. Dr. M. Kennedy.
10. Dr. Ernest Quina.
11. Ralph Fisher.
12. L. Hilton Green.
13. J. J. Finlay.
14. R. B. Simpson.
15. T. F. McGourin.
16. J. M. Mulden.
17. Dr. Gossman.
18. Ben Heinberg.
19. T. C. Watson.
20. Spencer Douglass.
21. Leslie E. Brooks.
22. Dr. F. G. Renshaw.
23. J. F. Taylor.
24. W. K. Hyer, Jr.
25. W. J. Forbes.
26. Oscar E. Maura.
27. J. T. Wiggins.
28. W. L. Wittich.
29. Pensacola Auto Co.
30. W. L. Wittich.
31. Geo. W. Wright.
32. W. B. Sheppard.
33. W. J. Corner.
34. F. C. Brent.

CHANCELLOR IS ARRESTED AT SANTIAGO

Official in Charge of German Legation is Held on Account of Murder of Servant.

By Associated Press.

Santiago, Chile, Feb. 12.—Chancellor Beckert of the German legation at Santiago has been arrested at Chillan, capital of the province of Nuble, according to a message just received.

The offices of the German legation at Santiago were destroyed by fire February 5 and in the ruins was found the charred body of a man. It was believed at first that Beckert had perished in the flames, but subsequent examination showed three things:

That it was not Beckert; that the man had been stabbed to death and that $9,000 had been taken from the office safe.

The murdered man was a servant of the legation.

MANY AMERICAN CHILDREN.

Washington, Feb. 12.—One-third of the American employes in the Panama canal zone occupy quarters set aside for married persons, and there are more American children there than children of any other nationality, according to figures given out here today by the Isthmian canal commission. The average zone family consists of a husband, wife and one child.

STR. PENGUIM WRECKED; 67 OF CREW MISSING.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—The Union Steamship company's steamer Pengium was wrecked last night off Cape Terawhitie. Some passengers and a number of members of the crew were saved, but the remainder of the ship company, numbering sixty-seven, are missing, and are supposed to have perished. The Pengium is a total loss.

Senator Knox Wires Taft of Difficulty

By Associated Press.

New Orleans, Feb. 12.—President-elect Taft today gave out telegrams exchanged between him and Senator Knox which seem to furnish a solution to the constitutional difficulty which has arisen in connection with Senator Knox's eligibility for a place in Judge Taft's cabinet.

Senator Knox wired Judge Taft care New Orleans custom house, as follows:

"A bill has been introduced in the senate to remove the constitutional bar to my eligibility to the cabinet by repealing the act providing for an increase in salary for the secretary of state. I am in no way promoting or having anything to do with the measure.

"It is a matter for you as the appointive power to first determine whether the proposed action is desirable or would be effective. Our minds should be free from all doubt concerning the legality and propriety of the proposed plan before acquiescing in it. If you have any reason for not approving what is being done, it should be announced, otherwise an injustice may be done whoever may be appointed.

"PHILANDER C. KNOX."

Smith Guilty Murder in the First Degree

By Associated Press.

Columbus, Miss., Feb. 12.—"We, the jury, find the defendant guilty as charged, but recommend him to the mercy of the court."

This was the verdict of the jury empaneled to try Charles R. Smith for the murder of E. A. Laurent. An earlier verdict was returned, in which the jury stated that they found the defendant guilty, but were unable to agree as to the punishment. Judge Buckley instructed the jurors as to the character of the verdict to be formulated. The jury, after a few minutes' consultation, returned to the court room with the above verdict. Judge Buckley has not yet passed sentence on the defendant, but under the terms of the verdict will be compelled to send Smith to the penitentiary for life.

Miss Estelle Smith, who has been a conspicuous figure in the trial, sobbed piteously when she heard the verdict. Lawyers for the defense gave notice that they will file a motion for a new trial and this motion will be argued before Judge Buckley this afternoon.