

# LEE STATUE MAY BE PLACED WITH NO CEREMONIES

## Adverse Criticism by Confederates and Others Results in Postponement of Formal Presentation.

By Frederic J. Haskin.  
Washington, Jan. 15.—Next Wednesday being the anniversary of the birth of General Robert E. Lee, it was the original intention of those interested in placing the statue of the great commander in the Statuary hall of the United States capital, to have the formal presentation take place on that date. But the adverse criticisms heard in some places will result in a postponement of the date of formal presentation at least to February 23, the birthday of Washington, and perhaps indefinitely. It is said to be the wish of the family of General Lee that no formal presentation be extended so long as there is serious objection to its reception from any quarter.

**Far Reaching Effect.**  
If, in deference to these objections, the presentation ceremonies shall be postponed indefinitely, the effect will be further reaching than the Lee controversy, for the reason that the statue of Virginia is also presenting a magnificent bronze of Washington, and the country will be treated to the spectacle of a statue of the father of his country standing in the Statuary hall without formal reception. It would be an unfortunate situation, but not a really serious one, because the statue is there by law. The formal presentation ceremonies are but the frills and furbelows, and have nothing to do with making the presence of the statue legal. As a Virginia congressman of long service and deliberate judgment has said: "The statues of Washington and Lee are there by law, the letter of which has been complied with, and nothing but a specific act of congress, or an act of vandalism can get them out."

**Two Statues in Each State.**  
The law under which these gifts are presented was passed years ago, shortly after the wings of the capitol were built and the house vacated what is now Statuary hall. In order to create a national Valhalla congress set apart from the ordinary business of the state and provided that each state should be entitled to send to the Statuary hall two statues of persons whom it might select. It will be observed that the choice rests with the state itself, and that the only conditions are that the effigies shall represent the dead and provide who are deemed most worthy of the honor. There is nothing set forth concerning congressional approval, or authorizing any tribunal to question the choice of a state. John Brown might be even more objectionable to Virginia than Lee is to Kansas, yet neither has the right to contest the choice of the other.

When the statues are placed in position that ends all the necessary formalities. When the one of Father Marquette the Jesuit explorer, was presented by the state of Wisconsin, there was a strong protest from anti-Catholic sources because of the presence of the robes of the order, and trouble seemed imminent in the house. The senate did not part in formally accepting the statue, but the acceptance by the house was not asked. This effigy of Marquette stands there now on as sure a footing as if it had received a hundred formal acceptances, and no one thinks of objecting to its presence.

**Lawmakers Can't hinder.**  
Place in Statuary hall first considered for a while in Statuary hall there was some difference of opinion in Virginia as to the advisability of his selection. Everyone agreed that he was, next to Washington, the best beloved of Virginia's heroes. But some thought that perhaps the time was inopportune, and that the matter had better be deferred. To everyone it seemed to be a procedure warranted by right, but to some it was not considered expedient. At this juncture Senator Martin gave expression to the view that every other state had exercised its right in the premises without let or hindrance, and that if Virginia were to be denied that right, the Virginia which had figured so conspicuously in the founding of the government, then it was time for her people to know it.

The general sentiment and the legislature forthwith ordered the setting of the statues.

The objections to the acceptance of the statue of General Lee came from the fact that the statue is not a Confederate uniform, rather than from objections to the man himself. There are several other Confederate soldiers in the hall, notably McKenna and Curry, from West Virginia and Alabama, respectively, but there was no serious objection to them.

**Washington Statue Small.**  
The presentation of the statues of Washington and Lee was timely, at least so far as that of Washington is concerned. In recent years, since Illinois sent the statue of Francis E. Pickens, the incongruousness of the location of the statue of Washington had been brought to the face of the visitor a smile of amusement rather than a look of veneration. In the first place Washington was represented by the smallest and most insignificant looking statue there. Secondly, without justice or thought, he was placed in a position which gave the effect of his peeping out from behind the skirts of Miss Willard like a bashful boy hiding behind his mother.

This little statue of Washington is nothing but a plaster of Paris replica of the Houdon statue in the Virginia capitol. That it is a magnificent likeness is shown by the fact that Jefferson observed that beholding it suddenly gave the effect of Washington himself standing there. The new statue of Washington is also a replica of the Houdon masterpiece, but it is in bronze, on a befitting pedestal, and makes a splendid appearance.

**Criticism on All Sides.**  
It is said to have been the ambition of Valentine, the sculptor, to make an excellent portrayal of Lee as Houdon's statue is of Washington. That he has failed to do so is asserted by many who were acquainted with the dead commander. In speaking of the matter recently a member of the Virginia delegation in congress stated that the statue could hardly have looked less heroic and less like the gallant commander than it does. To him the pose seems totally unlike that of Lee, and one arm appears shorter than the other. Another adverse criticism came from a camp of Confederate veterans whose members made a pilgrimage to Statuary hall to see the new likeness of their leader. Not one of them thought the statue did Lee full justice.

In behalf of the sculptor it is urged that no one could expect fully to catch all the subtle shades of bearing that made Lee one of the most gallant and commanding figures ever seen on a field of battle. It is also said in defense of the sculptor that his work in designing the celebrated recumbent statue of Lee at Lexington, in which the great soldier has gathered the drapery of his coat about him, is sufficient assurance that he has come as near to catching the noble mien of General Lee as it can be done in impastive bronze. Valentine was a follower of Lee, and no man in all the southland was more anxious to have the work a fitting memorial.

The commission created by the state of Virginia to look after the casting of the statues, was composed mainly of young men, but one or two of whom had ever seen General Lee. The author of the bill provided for the work was Dr. P. H. Ruff, nephew of Senator John W. Daniel. He and Senator Daniel supervised the placing of the bronzes, which were given conspicuous places in the hall.

# TWO IMPORTANT CONFERENCES AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

## National Civic Federation and State Governors to Deliberate on Conservation and Uniform Laws.

Washington, Jan. 15.—For the past few days every train arriving in Washington brought a number of distinguished men from different parts of the United States to the national capital, among them governors of states, other high state officials, representatives of railroads and other transportation companies, officials of insurance companies, financial institutions and large industrial corporations, prominent merchants, labor representatives, heads of agricultural organizations and professional men of all kinds. By tomorrow night, it is expected, practically all the delegates and members who will attend the two important conferences to be held here next week, the annual conference of the National Civic Federation and the annual conference of governors in the interest of the conservation of national resources, will be assembled here.

**Conferences Outside.**  
The conference under the auspices of the National Civic Federation will begin on Monday and will continue until Wednesday. The conference of the governors will begin Tuesday and close on Thursday. The sessions of the National Civic Federation conference will be held at the Belasco theatre, those of the National Conservation Conference of Governors in the east room of the White House, tendered by President Taft for that purpose. As the objects of the two conferences coincide in an effort to bring about uniformity of state legislation, the National Association of Uniform State Law Commissioners is included in all state delegations and will take a prominent part in the conference.

The Civic Federation conference will be opened by President Taft, president of the National Civic Federation, and President Taft has consented to deliver the opening address. He will be followed by Alton B. Parker, chairman of the program committee, and Governor Augustus E. Wilson, of Kentucky, chairman of the committee of governors. According to the plan mapped out by the program committee, the various topics of discussion will be introduced one after the other, and ample opportunity will be given to discuss the propositions that may be submitted. The purpose in holding this conference is to develop a plan for uniform state legislation by having all important national organizations promoting uniformity in any field, state before the conference clearly and succinctly just what they desire.

**Prominent Representatives.**  
Among the distinguished representatives of national organizations attending the conference will be Louis E. Pearson, who heads the delegation from the American Bankers' association; Charles W. Eliot, from the National Conservation association; John F. Dryden, from the Association of Life Insurance Presidents; Joshua Strange, from the Farmers' National Congress; A. A. Sprague, from the Wholesale Grocers' association; Frederick W. Lehmann, president of the American Bar association; Charles J. Bonaparte, president of the National Municipal league; J. Horace McFarland, president of the American Civic association; David Heineman, president of the League of American Municipalities; Joseph E. Ransdell, president of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress; Irving Fisher, president of the National Health association; Curtis Guild, Jr., from the American Forestry association; Andrew Carnegie, John Hays Hammond, Elihu Root, Alton B. Parker, Henry Wade Rogers, Samuel Gompers, James Mitchell, Warren S. Stone, James Dunne, Walter L. Fisher, James B. Garfield, John G. Milburn, William Allen White, Eugene S. Benjamin, president of the National Association of Clothiers; Martin S. Becker, president of the National Association of State Railway Commissioners; Allen R. Foote, president of the International Tax association; James G. Cannon, George E. Costello, George F. Seward and David R. Francis, representing the New York Chamber of Commerce; W. C. Gorgas, chief sanitary officer of the Isthmian Canal Commission, who heads the delegation of the American Medical association; D. A. Tompkins, president of the Appalachian National Forestry association; John A. Hartigan, president of the National Convention of Insurance Commissioners; Murdo Mackenzie, of the American National Livestock association; Charles D. Walcott, of the National Academy of Sciences; N. J. Bachelder, master of the National Grand; J. E. Storrett, president of the American Association of Public Accountants; Frank Cheney, president of the Proprietary association of America, and hundreds of others, including the presidents of various railroads, express, telegraph and other industrial corporations and officials of national labor organizations.

**U. OF O. DEBATERS DEFEAT MORMONS**  
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
University of Oregon, Eugene, Jan. 15.—By a unanimous decision, the University of Oregon debating team, composed of Percy Collier and Carlton Spencer, defeated L. H. Hamer and H. B. Anderson, representing the University of Utah.

The question was, "Resolved, That all corporations engaged in interstate business should be required to incorporate under federal law, it being mutually conceded that such legislation would be constitutional and that a system of federal license shall not be available as an alternative solution." The question was submitted by Oregon, Utah having chosen the negative side. Judge L. T. Harris of Eugene presided. The judges were R. D. Hertz of Oregon Agricultural college, and President H. M. Crooks of Albany college.

**BAKER DEBATERS WIN OVER TWO SCHOOLS**  
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Baker City, Or., Jan. 15.—The Baker City high school last night won a victory over the Cove and Ontario schools in a triangular debate on the question, "Should life imprisonment, with restricted powers of pardon, be substituted for capital punishment in Oregon?" Baker scored seven points on the affirmative team, defeating Ontario 4 to 0, and as the negative team defeating Cove 3 to 1. Baker's affirmative team was Leland, Finch, leader, Miss Irma Cole and James Donald, negative, Clyde Dillabaugh, leader, Everett Saunders and John Jenkins.

**NEW WATER SYSTEM FOR SAN FRANCISCO**  
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
San Francisco, Jan. 15.—A bond issue of \$48,000,000 was authorized by the citizens of San Francisco, at the election held yesterday. The money is to be used for the acquisition of reservoir sites at Lake Eleanor, in Hitch City valley in the Sierras, and a comprehensive distributing system for a municipal water supply. The second proposition on the ballot, the voting of \$35,000,000 bonds for the purchasing of the Spring Valley water system, which is at present supplying the city, was lost by 1224 votes.

# CAPTAIN OF DIRIGIBLE BALLOON

## EVERYBODY ESCAPED FROM TRINIDAD MINE

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Trinidad, Colo., Jan. 15.—It is announced authoritatively today that every one of the 300 miners imprisoned by an explosion in a tunnel of the Berwind mine, near Trinidad, late yesterday escaped. The men made their way to the surface through an abandoned tunnel that connected with an adjoining digging. The extent of the damage done to the mine has not been estimated.

**McNeil Made Archbishop**  
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Rome, Jan. 15.—Right, Rev. Neil McNeil, bishop of St. Georges, New Foundland, was named archbishop of Vancouver, according to an announcement from the Vatican today.

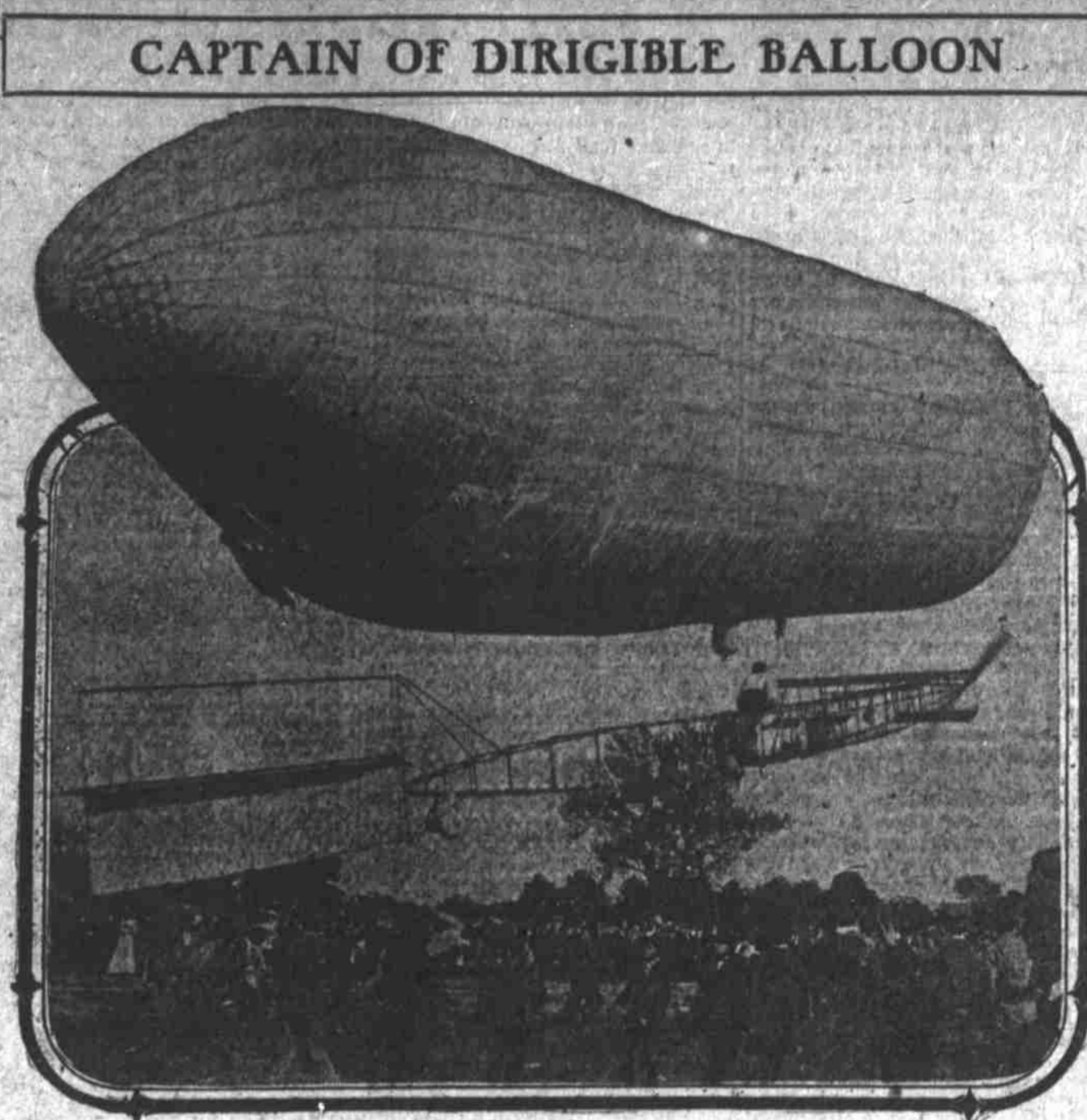
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**For a Bigger and Better Fair.**  
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
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**HOMESTEADERS FLOCK TO SUTHERLIN VALLEY**  
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Oakland, Or., Jan. 15.—The third carload of landseekers which arrived at Sutherlin valley from the east this week left for their homes yesterday. These people were caught in the severe storm which prevailed throughout the middle west last week.

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Captain Thomas S. Baldwin, who piloted his dirigible balloon at the aviation meet at Los Angeles.

# KARPOFF KILLED IN HIS OWN PLOT

## Police Chief Merely a Pawn in Deadly Game Played by the Higher-Ups.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
St. Petersburg, via Eydtukhnen, Jan. 15.—The admission by the landlord of the house in which Colonel Karpoff, chief of the St. Petersburg secret police, was blown to pieces by a bomb December 31, that the colonel himself paid rent for the flat in which he was killed, has removed the last doubt that the official fell a victim to a plot he himself was hatching. The police probably knew from the first something of Karpoff's relations with the assassin, Michael Voskresensky, or Preobransky Petrovsky, which is said to be his real name, but it was only by prolonged questioning and partly by the aid of the newspaper and other unofficial investigators, wrung from the landlord the information that goes so far toward explaining the murder.

What is not yet clear to outsiders is whether Voskresensky was a real terrorist masquerading as a police agent or a police agent masquerading as a terrorist. That he killed Karpoff intentionally and not by accident is pretty certain, the bomb having been fired by the pressing of an electric button some distance away, which could hardly have been touched except purposely.

This would necessarily mean that the assassin was not a police agent. If it is true that he was in the government service he was assuredly employed to circulate among the terrorists as one of themselves and the records of other "agent provocateur" has shown that they are quite capable of committing genuine terrorist outrages as a means of convincing the revolutionists of their good faith. In such a case Voskresensky must have depended on some one "higher up" to prevent his punishment for killing Karpoff. This is not impossible, either.

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