

## MADE HIM A CONFED

### Interesting Incident of the President's Reception at Macon.

## SIGNIFICANT SPEECHES.

### A Confederate Veteran Pins a Confederate Veteran's Badge

### on the Lapel of Mr. McKinley's Coat.

President McKinley and his party had a big time in Macon, Ga., last week. The party reached there on time and was received by the largest crowd which has gathered in Macon since the last visit of Mr. Davis to the city.

At the station was a reception committee consisting of a number of the most prominent citizens of the town, including United States Judge Emory Speer, Major F. H. Hanson, United States Senator A. O. Bacon and Representative Charles L. Bartlett, of that Congressional district.

Drawn up in line in front of the station was the Bibb County Camp of the Confederate Survivors' Association, 400 strong, headed by Commander C. M. Wiley. As the President reached the old Confederates he was halted by Col. Wiley, who addressed him as follows:

### THE CONFEDERATE ADDRESS.

"Mr. President: As commander of the Bibb County veterans association and the Bibb County Camp, No. 434, we extend to you and your party a most generous, hearty and sincere welcome to our beloved city. You, sir, have endeavored yourself to the account of all Confederate soldiers on the basis of the noble sentiment of the Confederate dead. I assure you that these old maimed and infirm veterans, who have met here to do you honor today, appreciate such words of love and kindness, and uttered, too, by the President of this great country, and by one who was a member of the Union army in the sixties. I hope and pray, Mr. President, that God in His infinite mercy may so direct the future legislation of this country that the living Confederates will be remembered. This country and the Confederate Veterans as they do to the Grand Army of the Republic. The South proved her loyalty to this grand old country when war was declared with Spain, and now, henceforth and forever she will be found ready to take up arms to defend our country and our flag.

"Mr. President, in behalf of these noble and brave Confederate soldiers of Bibb county, Georgia, I present to you this parchment, engrossed thereon in letters of gold the beautiful sentiment expressed by you in our capital city in regard to our honored dead."

### KISSING BY WHOLESALE.

The allusions of Gen. Wilson to his capture of Macon in the sixties captured the crowd, but his allusion to the time when the Stars and Stripes would float over the whole continent received more applause than any other sentiment expressed on the occasion.

This ended the speech-making. The Presidential party was taken in charge by the committee and driven about the city until it was time to take their departure for Augusta.

President McKinley expressed himself as greatly pleased with his reception at Macon, particularly on the part of the Confederate Veterans.

### Hobson Smoked One Hundred and Forty-three Ladies in One Night.

Lieutenant Hobson, of Merrimack fame, broke all public kissing records one night in Chicago when he saluted 163 girls and women. It can be said that all of them did not, to all appearances, want to be kissed, but the hero of the Merrimack treated all alike and kept it up until the material was exhausted.

Mr. Hobson lectured on the sinking of the Merrimack, under the auspices of the Press club, to an audience of 3,000 people, and when he had finished a desire was manifested on the part of many to be introduced. A line was formed, and the people, mounting the platform, shook hands with the officer and passed on.

There was no attempt at kissing until after Mrs. Thomas McDermott Knight and Miss Mary Fowle, daughters of former Governor Fowle, of North Carolina, had passed. They are distant cousins of Hobson, and upon the relationship being announced, he bent his head and kissed them.

Then the kissing fever seized the women, and Hobson made no resistance. In fact, he seemed to like it, and as each woman came up he grasped her hand, drew her toward him and smacked her soundly upon the lips.

It will not pass. In the United States Senate Wednesday Senator Butler, Populist, of North Carolina, gave notice of an amendment he will introduce to the pension appropriation bill, pensioning ex-Confederate soldiers. The amendment follows:

That from and after the passage of this bill every pension law now on the statute books shall apply to every invalid soldier, widow, minor child, dependent relative, and other persons and all other pensioners who may be able to prove their claim under the present pension laws without regard to whether said soldier was enlisted in the Federal or Confederate service of the civil war of 1861-65, provided that those enlisted in Confederate service shall not draw any back pensions prior to the passage of this bill, but their claim under existing laws, shall begin and become operative with the passage of this bill.

Terrific Explosion in China. A dispatch from Shanghai says a powder magazine situated in the centre of the Chinese camp at Hang Chow exploded, leveling a square mile of houses. It is estimated that 3,000 soldiers were killed, including the general commanding the forces. The American and French missions are both supposed to have been damaged, but it is said there were no fatalities among the Americans.

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The other ladies prominently connected with the movement were Mrs. Claude Girardeau, Mrs. H. W. Richardson, Mrs. W. G. Bateman, Mrs. J. W. Flynn and Miss Belle Martin.

Gen. Milledge L. Bonham, commander of South Carolina division United Sons of Confederate Veterans, and former military inspector, general of the State militia, was the guest of the occasion. He is the son of Gen. M. L. Bonham, one of the war governors of the State, and brigadier general of the Army of Northern Virginia. Those were gloomy days in South Carolina when the secession convention was in session, and it was a gloomy day Tuesday, barometrically speaking. However, about 500 people, the majority being ladies and children, assembled at the State house to witness the solemn ceremonies.

The tablet is situated on the second floor in the wall adjoining the office of the superintendent of education. A platform had here been erected for the accommodation of the speakers. On the platform were miniature palmettos, whose green leaves showed up boldly in the sombre hall. In the large crowd present were many descendants of those whose names were about to be handed down to posterity on scrolls of stone.

In one family alone, there were