



SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, TEXAS DIVISION

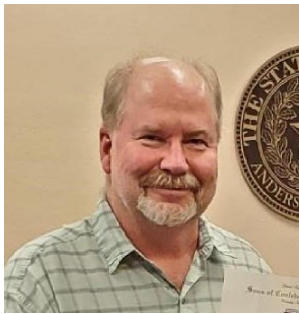
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COMMANDER HEITMAN'S DISPATCH



Gentlemen of Camp Reagan,

The past month has been a difficult one for the Camp .. certainly for me .. regarding placing our Camp dues in the hands of the National SCV Headquarters. Over the last forty-five days, I have had a crash course in SCV protocols since learning our National dues were still not paid the day after I accepted the Commander nomination and was sworn in as the new Camp Commander at the January 26th Camp meeting. The dues were sent to the Texas Division 12th-September-2023.

The first lesson learned while discussing our plight with Eric Previti [National Membership Director] was "Render unto to Caesar that which belongs to Caesar" .. as Eric succinctly stated.

Translatio [Latin]: Pay National HQ What is Due National HQ [Directly].

Do Not Pay National Dues Through a [inefficient] Mediarly [Texas Division].

Solomon's great wisdom does not apply to your ~\$50 yearly dues payment .. the "baby" is divided amongst the Camp, SCV National and the Texas Division [ATM] .. with \$35 going to SCV National. The Camp must pay SCV National and SCV Texas Division dues separately, never to be paid with one check.

The next lesson learned: the

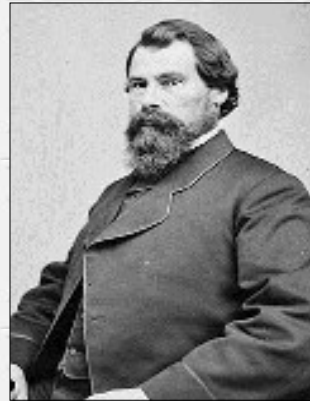
payment of dues to SCV National shall be received no later than July 31st [the end of the SCV fiscal year]. This of course means that all Camp members must pay their dues to the Camp Adjutant by mid-July – at the latest. Our July 2023 dues were five (5) months late [February 2024] by the time the Texas Division successfully delivered the dues to SCV National .. claiming to have made two prior attempts to mail our dues in January 2024. These two prior attempts failed to 'render to Caesar National' his denari [money] .. supposedly all due to the grand USPS conspiracy to suppress SCV mailings [in Texas at least] .. as explained by the Texas Division Adjutant. Again – the Camp must pay SCV National directly and NOT send any *National* monies to *Division*.

More enlightening knowledge learned: SCV National HQ DOES NOT share data with the Texas Division. The only way you will know the status of your SCV membership, answer a SCV related question, order merchandise, etc. .. is by contacting SCV National Headquarters in Columbia, Tennessee. And, when you do call National HQ .. ALWAYS have your membership number ready so you can be identified as a real SCV member – assuming you confirm other pertinent data about yourself, such as where you reside, your telephone number and those sort of things.

I highly recommend each SCV member peruse the SCV website. The "Resources" menu is especially full of very helpful documents and literature. You could easily spend an hour browsing the *Forms and Documents* sub-men, which is filled with a lot of great information.

The *Confederate Veteran* magazine is available on-line, provided you login to your membership account.

Interesting Facts: 105 Grandsons of Confederate Veterans are still alive and are members of the SCV;



John H. Reagan

Oct 8, 1818 – March 6, 1905

Post Master General of the Confederate States of America
Secretary of the Treasury CSA

U. S. Senator from Texas

U. S. Rep. from Texas

District Judge

Texas State Representative

First Chairman - Railroad

Commission of Texas

A Founder and President of the Texas State Historical Association

ALL Applications and other genealogical data is kept by SCV National .. in Perpetuity [legalese for FOREVER]. This, of course, means your great grandson can research YOU and your WONA veterans through the SCV;

The SCV is a Texas Corporation;

~ 30,000 SCV Members in 2018 - ~ 26,000 SCV in 2024 [this reduction must be arrested]

The are NO Raffles Allowed in the SCV;

You can buy the flag flown [for 30 days] at SCV National for a \$200 donation.

More interesting facts to follow in subsequent newsletters.

Please remember to bring 'a note' from home .. to the March Meeting .. if you were absent at the February meeting [Camp Rule 2024-1-26].

Ed Heitman - Commander

CAMP MEETINGS

4th Tuesday of Each Month
06:30 PM

With a meal served
at each meeting.

Commercial Bank of Texas on the corner of N. Mallard & E. Lacy Street

The Bank is located just south of the Anderson County Courthouse Annex.

Guests are welcome!
Bring the family.

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The John H. Reagan Camp is requesting donations from those who would be willing to contribute financially to help keep the Confederate Heroes Memorial Plaza landscape manicured. **If you would be willing to donate, please contact Richard Thornton at 903-731-1557 or email tx_tsar@hotmail.com.**

Prayer List

- Compatriot Forrest Bradberry
- Compatriot J.B. Mason
- Compatriot Doug Smith (hip surgery)
- Past Reagan Camp Historian Gary Williams
- Former Camp Commander Rudy Ray
- United Daughters of the Confederacy
- The Sovereign State of Texas
- The United States of America
- The Sons of Confederate Veterans

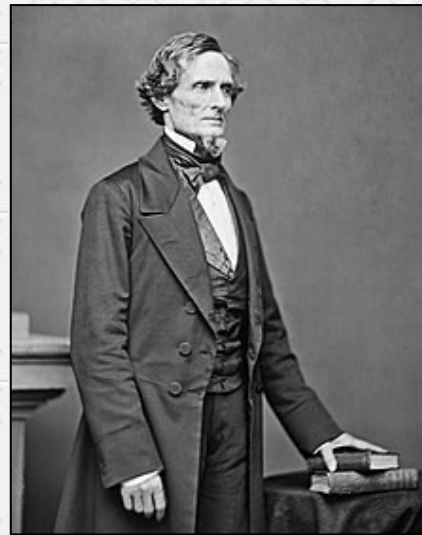
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Reagan Camp will have monthly meetings on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Commercial Bank of Texas meeting room

March 26, 2024 - Camp Meeting 6:30 pm

April 23, 2024 - Camp Meeting 6:30 pm

May 28, 2024 - Camp Meeting 6:30 pm



Jefferson Davis took office as President of the Confederate States on February 22, 1862 for a 6 year term.

Officers for 2024

Commander - Ed Heitman

1st Lt. - David Franklin

Adjutant/Treasurer - Richard Thornton

Sgt at Arms - Marc Robinson

Judge Advocate - Martin Lawrence

Chaplain - Dwight Franklin

This flag flies in honor and memory of over 1,000 Confederate veterans from Anderson County who marched off to war, one third of whom never returned, and the over 500 Confederate veterans from all across the South who are buried in this county. They fought for liberty and independence from a tyrannical and oppressive government.

Provided by the John H. Reagan Camp #2156, Sons of Confederate Veterans.
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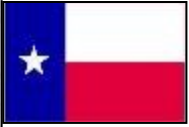
Above: Reagan Camp's battle flag and sign displayed proudly at intersection of FM 315 and Anderson Cty Rd 448, ten miles north of Palestine.

"NOTHING FILLS ME WITH DEEPER SADNESS THAN TO SEE A SOUTHERN MAN APOLOGIZING FOR THE DEFENSE WE MADE OF OUR INHERITANCE. OUR CAUSE WAS SO JUST, SO SACRED, THAT HAD I KNOWN ALL THAT HAS COME TO PASS, HAD I KNOWN WHAT WAS TO BE INFLICTED UPON ME, ALL THAT MY COUNTRY WAS TO SUFFER, ALL THAT OUR POSTERITY WAS TO ENDURE, I WOULD DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN."

-PRESIDENT JEFFERSON DAVIS-

"DUTY IS THE MOST SUBLIME WORD IN OUR LANGUAGE. DO YOUR DUTY IN ALL THINGS. YOU CANNOT DO MORE. YOU SHOULD NEVER WISH TO DO LESS."

-GENERAL
ROBERT E. LEE-



JOHN H. REAGAN CAMP FEBRUARY MEETING PICS

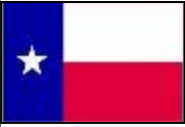


The February meeting was held on February 27th in the Commercial Bank of Texas Banquet Room. We had several members who had prior commitments, but we still had 9 in attendance. We had a delicious meal of barbeque chicken, fried chicken, homemade chicken and dumplings, homemade chocolate cake, and ice cream brownies. Everything was very good! We did not have a historical program this month, but we really enjoyed having the extra time to visit with one another.



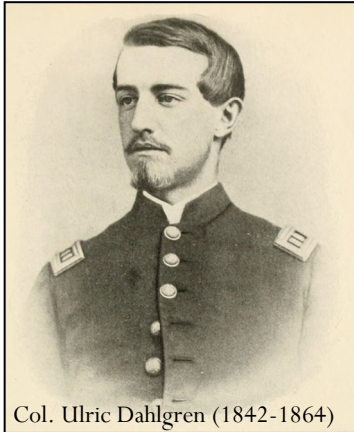
Our next meeting will be on March 26th at 6:30. Everyone is welcome to attend. We hope to see you there!





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LEAP YEAR 1864 UNION RAID GONE BAD



Col. Ulric Dahlgren (1842-1864)

THE KILPATRICK & DAHLGREN RAID

What was not known to the public on this Leap Year Day 1864 was that a mission was underway that involved a great risk to the Union and the men who were on the mission. This was the so-called **Kilpatrick and Dalgren Raid** which had as its objective a raid into Richmond to free Union soldiers, many of whom were officers, who were held in prison there. This was a very risky endeavor and Gen. [H. Judson Kilpatrick](#), who had proposed the raid, was put in charge – because he was the one who had proposed it, and because his general tactics, although successful, were considered reckless by other military men. Gen. Kilpatrick recruited Col. **Ulric Dahlgren** to assist him in the raid.

Dahlgren had lost a leg in Maryland after Gettysburg and was sufficiently healed (and with prosthesis) to undertake the mission. A diversion was planned and conducted by Gen. Armstrong Custer which cleared the path for Kilpatrick and Dahlgren and their men all the way to Spotsylvania Court House, which they reached on Leap Day. The plan of Kilpatrick was to go into Richmond with most of his force from the north while Dahlgren would take the remaining men and approach Richmond from the southwest. By frightening the city into the belief that it was being attacked from multiple sides, Kilpatrick hoped for enough confusion so that he could get in quickly and get the prisoners out. Kilpatrick made good time on his part of the plan despite the bad weather of high winds and sleet.

Dahlgren enlisted the aid of a local slave boy to help him find the way in the bad weather, but when the boy led him and his men to an unfordable part of the James River, Dahlgren went into a rage and hung the boy for deceiving him, although many believe that the boy didn't know the area well enough to be a guide and the visibility was so poor that even the best guide wouldn't have been able to help. Dahlgren couldn't get across the river and Kilpatrick, waiting for a signal from Dahlgren, decided to slowly enter Richmond. He was met by an army of resident old men that he mistook for a regular fighting force, so he held back, still waiting for the signal from Dahlgren. When no signal came, Kilpatrick decided to pull back, leaving Dahlgren and his approximately 500 men without defense. Most of them died, including Dahlgren – and Kilpatrick was harassed all the way back in retreat. The mission was a total failure.

What made it even more of a disaster was that when the rebels searched Dahlgren's body, they supposedly found official orders to destroy Richmond and kill Jefferson Davis and his entire cabinet. This so outraged the Confederates, that **Abraham Lincoln** would approve the killing of their president, that some came to believe that a southern plot to assassinate Lincoln had its origins that day as a result of the failed Kilpatrick-Dahlgren Raid.

The portrait of **Ulric Dahlgren** is from Wikipedia and is in the public domain because its copyright has expired.



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JANUARY IN THE LIFE OF JOHN H. REAGAN



February 7, 1857 John H. Reagan took seat in the 35 Congress.



Feb. 14, 1858 John H. Reagan elected as Secretary of Democratic Caucus in Washington to attempt alignment on Kansas State Admittance Bill.

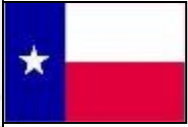


February 4, 1861 John H. Reagan among 7 men elected to represent Texas as Succession Convention in Montgomery, Alabama



February 22, 1911 State Treasurer Sam Sparks issued a \$10,000 check to Mrs. John H. Reagan for Reagan/s letters and state papers, approved by State Legislature and Governor Colquitt.

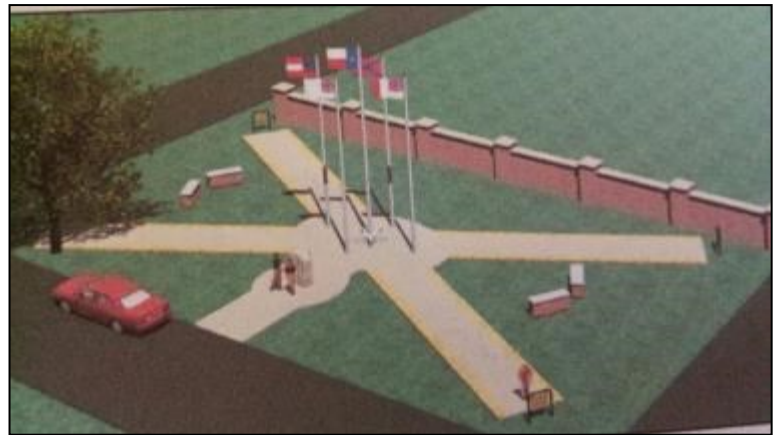




A GREAT WAY TO ENSURE THAT YOUR ANCESTOR'S SERVICE AND HONOR IS NOT FORGOTTEN



Many Americans have forgotten that freedom isn't free at all. There have been hundreds of thousands of Americans who have willingly given their life for their country so that we could continue to have the rights of free men. But there is a group of people in our country who have decided that they have the right to take away the rights of others, especially if those others do not agree with their agenda. These people have no respect for the true history of anything that goes against what they want. Although they cannot change true history, they are changing the history books and in so doing are changing what people are taught about the history of our country. These people don't care if they are dishonoring our Confederate ancestors. They care nothing about our ancestor's service. Do you care about preserving your ancestor's service? If so, you can do so by having his service noted in the Confederate Veteran's Memorial Plaza with a paver that will include his name and service information on it for only \$50. It will last for years and years to come and will let countless people see his name and information. It is a wonderful way to give him the recognition that he deserves.



WILLIAM C FRANKLIN CO D 12 BTNN ARK SHARP SHOOTERS	JOHN DANIEL LILES PVT. DIED 4 25 1865 POW	WILLIAM J. CHAFFIN CO H 5 TEX CAV CSA 1829 - 1908
JASPER N. CARNES CO B 8 REGIMENT TEXAS INFANTRY	RICHARD A. HODGES CO K 22 TX INF CSA 1833 - 1905	ANDREW J BEAUCHAMP CO F 13 TEX INF 12-9-1834 9-1-1894

JOHN H. REAGAN SCV CAMP #2156 PALESTINE TEXAS	PVT WM. H. FOSTER CO. H 1ST TEX INF DIED AS POW OCT 63
GEORGE KNOX GIBSON PVT. CO. B 12TH TEXAS CAVLRY, CSA	WILLIAM H. CRIST COMPANY I 7 TX CAV C.S.A.

JACOB L. SHERIDAN CAPT CO I 1ST REGT TEXAS INFANTRY	JOHN H. SHERIDAN PVT. CO I 1ST REGT TEXAS INFANTRY	COL. A.T. RAINEY CO. H 1 TEX. INF. HOOD'S TEX. BRIG
L. E. SHERIDAN PVT. CO I 1ST REGT TEXAS INFANTRY	PVT WM. N SHERIDAN CO C 6 BATTALION TEXAS CALVARY	STEPHEN O. RAINEY CAPTAIN 1ST BATT. TEX CAV

PVT. R. M. LUMMUS 53 GEORGIA INF. COMPANY B C.S.A	PVT ALLEN G TURNER CO A 7TH BATTALION MISS INF. CSA
SGT. AMOS G. HANKS CO F. 1ST TEX INF HOODS BRIGADE CSA	WILLIAM H. DYER PVT CO K MISS INF C.S.A.

Above are some pictures of some of the pavers in the plaza. If you would like to purchase a paver for your ancestor, you can pick what you want to have inscribed on it. These pictures will give you some ideas to what you might want on your paver.

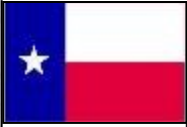


ROBERT E. LEE CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1, 1863 Inflation reduces Confederate dollar to 1/5 its original value.	2, 1863 CSA Gen. Albert Sydney Johnston born 1865 Weather so cold that James River freezes around
3, 1807 CSA Gen Joseph Johnston born , Al.	4, 1861 Confederate States of America formed in Montgomery, Al.	5, 1864 Sherman enters Jackson, Miss	6, 1863 US Sec of State Seward rejects France's offer to mediate peace 1833 CSA Gen Jeb Stuart born	7, 1863 U.S. Secretary of State Seward rejects France's offer to mediate peace.	8, 1820 US Gen William Sherman born	9, 1861 New Conf government elects Jefferson Davis President
10, 1862 CSA blockade-runner "Mosquito Fleet" is destroyed off North Carolina Coast	11, 1812 CSA V.P. Alexander Stephens born In 1861, While pruning roses, Davis hears that he is president-	12, 1865 Lincoln's b'day. Electoral College votes 212-21 to re-elect him	13, 1862 Battle of Ft. Donelson	14, 1824 U.S. Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock birthday	15, 1861 Provisional Confederate Congress votes to take Ft. Sumter & Ft. Pickens by force	16, 1863: U.S. Senate passes Conscription Act to draft men into army
17, 1864: The USS Housatonic sinks in 28 ft of water after being rammed by submarine Hunley. The Hunley sinks too.	18, 1862 The first Congress meets in Richmond, Virginia.	19, 1861 Jefferson Davis appoints his Cabinet which included John H. Reagan as Postmaster General	20, 1865: Conf. Congress passes bill that authorizes the arming of slaves.	21, 1862: Conf. win handily at Battle of Ft Craig near Santa Fe, NM	22, 1861: On Washington's b'day, both Lincoln & Davis give important speeches.	23, 1861 Texas citizens ratify the actions of the secessionist convention voting to secede 34,749—11,235
24, 1864: Pres Davis appoints Braxton Bragg his military advisor, despite generals' outcry	25, 1862 US War Dept seizes control of all telegraph lines	26, 1863 The Cherokee Nation rescinds its declaration of secession & abolished slavery	27, 1864: A rudely constructed prison outside Andersonville, Ga houses its first prisoners	28, 1862: A day of fasting is proclaimed across the South. Pres Davis invokes martial law in parts of Virginia	29	



TEXAS CIVIL WAR HISTORY IN FEBRUARY



From the Texas State Historical Association— <https://texasdaybyday.com/#feedCarousel>

February 1, 1861 - On this date, Texas became the 7th state to secede from the Union when a state convention voted 166-8 in favor of secession. Even though Sam Houston objected to Texas leaving the Union, the vote passed.

February 2, 1861 - On this date, a declaration of the causes which impel the State of Texas to secede from the Federal Union was adopted.

February 2, 1861 - On this date the Committee of Public Safety directed to seize all federal property in Texas.

February 9, 1861 - On this date, a proclamation by Gov. Houston setting an election on the Ordinance of Secession.

February 16, 1861 - On this date, the US Army Facility at San Antonio was seized under authority of the Texas Committee of Safety

February 18, 1861 - On this date, US General David E. Twiggs surrendered all US military posts in Texas.

February 19, 1861 - On this date, Carlos A. Waite replaced Gen. Twiggs as US Army commander, Department of Texas.

February 21, 1861 - On this date, Volunteers under the command of John 'Rip' Ford seize U.S. property at Brazos Santiago in the Rio Grande Valley.

February 23rd, 1861— On this day in 1861, the people of Texas went to the polls to vote on a referendum to secede from the Union. The vote was 46,153 for secession and 14,747 against. Of the 122 counties casting votes, only eighteen cast majorities against secession. Only eleven others cast as much as 40 percent against. The referendum was held pursuant to a decision in favor of secession in the state Secession Convention.

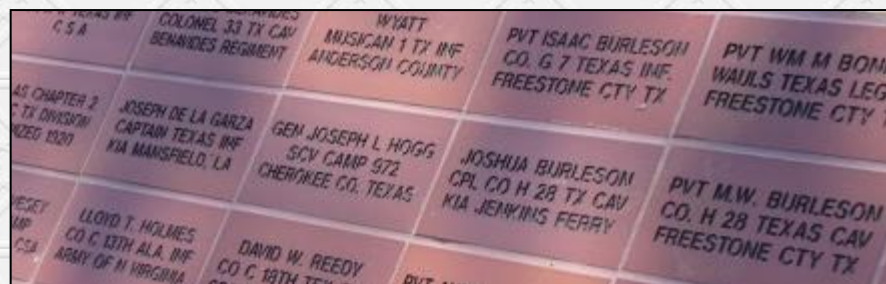
February 27th, 1850 - On this day in 1850, Carlos Esparza, a supporter of the Mexican folk hero Juan N. Cortina, and various followers attempted to establish a territorial government and separate themselves from the rest of Texas. The territory of the Rio Grande was intended to protect the interests of Hispanics, but the proposal became politically complicated and was dropped. Esparza, born in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, in 1828, was to all appearances an ordinary rancher possessing neither Cortina's striking appearance nor leadership qualities. The eccentric, sharp-tongued Esparza remained Cortina's man in the shadows, however. During the Civil war, he managed to aid Union and Confederate forces against each other while promoting the Cortina's cause.



CONFEDERATE VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA INFORMATION



The Confederate Veterans Memorial Plaza had the official opening and dedication on April 13, 2013. It is a beautiful Memorial to the Confederate Veterans. Although it is open for visitors, there is still room along the sidewalks for you to purchase a brick paver in the name of your confederate ancestor. This will ensure that your ancestor's service to the confederacy will not be forgotten, but will be remembered for years to come. If you would like to make a donation for a paver, please contact Dan Dyer at E-mail: danielyer497@yahoo.com or Phone: (903) 391-2224



Would you like to honor you ancestor? There is still room in the plaza for you to have a paver with your ancestor's name and military information. You can also acquire a paver in the name of your SCV Camp.



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The citizen-soldiers who fought for the Confederacy personified the best qualities of America. The preservation of liberty and freedom was the motivating factor in the South's decision to fight the *Second American Revolution*. The tenacity with which Confederate soldiers fought underscored their belief in the rights guaranteed by the Constitution. These attributes are the underpinning of our democratic society and represent the foundation on which this nation was built.

Today, the **Sons of Confederate Veterans** is preserving the history and legacy of these heroes, so future generations can understand the motives that animated the Southern Cause.

The SCV is the direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans, and the oldest hereditary organization for male descendants of Confederate soldiers. Organized at Richmond, Virginia in 1896, the SCV continues to serve as a historical, patriotic, and non-political organization dedicated to ensuring that a true history of the 1861-1865 period is preserved.

Membership in the **Sons of Confederate Veterans** is open to all male descendants of any veteran who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces. Membership can be obtained through either **lineal or collateral** family lines and kinship to a veteran must be **documented genealogically**. The minimum age for full membership is 12, but there is no minimum for Cadet membership. **Friends of the SCV** memberships are available as well to those who are committed to upholding our charge, but do not have the Confederate ancestry.

THE CHARGE TO THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

*"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will
commit the vindication of the cause for which we
fought. To your strength will be given the defense
of the Confederate soldier's good name, the
guardianship of his history, the emulation of his
virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which
he loved and which you love also, and those ideals
which made him glorious and which you also
cherish."*

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander-in-Chief
United Confederate Veterans
New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906.



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