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foreign missionary board of the same church, also takes issue with Walters.

"I have been thinking of this crime all day. It has completely unnerved me."

"An extraordinary effort on the part of the church ought to be made to suppress the negro practice of assaulting women."

"This is 'hot stuff' coming from a negro, who by the boldness of his utterances, so different from others of his race and from many of the professed white friends of the negro in the North, shows that he not only does his own thinking and forms his own opinions, but is a man of convictions with the courage to proclaim them."

"While a majority of those lynched are negroes, the effect is being felt upon the entire people."

The Afro-American Council of New York, recently issued an address in which they called upon the negroes of the country to observe the 2nd day of June next as a day of fasting and prayer and urged the negro preachers to hold services in their churches, and aid in setting forth the "barbarous treatment" of negroes by white men.

He realizes, as all respectable, thinking negroes should, that these crimes which provoke swift and implacable vengeance reflect upon the race and bring odium upon it, and whether deserved or not, and that it is therefore the part of wisdom for the race to do all it can to put a stop to these crimes and aid in bringing the perpetrators to speedy justice, perpetrators for whom the race should have neither sympathy nor tolerance, for they are deserving of neither.

They show by their acts that they have no regard for their own race and therefore their own race should have no regard for theirs to shed over them when their devilish bestiality brings them to the rope or to the stake and faggot.

The negro who thinking for himself and for his race speaks thus is infinitely a better friend and counselor to his race than all the Afro-American Councils this side of Riohico and all the Bishops of Walters' stripe this side of Kingdom come.

There is now presented to the negroes of Georgia an opportunity to put themselves on solid ground and initiate a movement to stop this flood of crime which is calling for vengeance and causing more estrangement between the races.

A convention of white citizens has been called to consider these matters and try to devise some way to stop lynching. No amount of talk in convention or out of it will stop it while these outlawed crimes continue to be perpetrated.

But this presents the negroes of Georgia with the opportunity to show that these crimes are repulsive to them, and to show a disposition to co-operate with their white fellow citizens in repressing them.

Let them also call a convention of representative negroes of the State, and therein resolve that they will heartily co-operate with the white men in the pursuit and punishment of ravishers, murderers and incendiaries, show them no mercy nor refuge, and then a long step would be taken in the way of relieving the race from suspicion of sympathy with the criminals, and a long step also in deterring the criminals who would therewith find refuge so much more difficult. This is their opportunity. Will they see it, and seize it?

AN ERA OF FRAUD.

This is not only the great trust-fraud era, but it is the great era of fraud also, fraud in "statesmanship," fraud in business, fraud in sentiment, fraud in nearly everything.

The trusts pretend that they are organized to cheapen production and thus benefit the people. That is a fraud. Some of the statesmen tell us that the protective tariff, which fosters trusts, is to foster and build up American industries that could not live without it. That is another fraud.

Expansionists tell us that it is patriotism that inspires carrying the rifle and other death-dealing implements into other lands to subjugate them. That is another fraud. And now the chief chemist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture testifies before the Pure Food Senatorial Investigating Committee that ninety per cent. of all the articles of food and drink manufactured in this country are frauds.

There is fraud in nearly everything sold to the people, all kinds of dairy products, canned fruits and vegetables, flour, the various preparations put up for cooking jellies, preserves, jams, pickles, syrups, wines, beer, whiskey and nearly everything in fact. Some of these adulterations are harmful, others not, but they are all frauds.

The worst feature of this is that it is the poor who suffer most by these frauds, because the greater the fraud the cheaper the articles, or perhaps it would be more proper to say the cheaper the article the greater the fraud. In view of these revelations by such authority it is a lucky person these days who knows what he is eating or drinking or what proportion of health and life destroying stuff it may contain.

A NEW COTTON MILL.

To be Erected in Wilmington by a \$250,000 Stock Company.

THE ENTERPRISE IS ASSURED.

Mr. E. C. Holt Principal Stockholder.

Large Block of Stock Taken by Wilmingtonians—Plant to be in Operation by Jan. 1st, 1900.

Wilmington is to have another big cotton mill equipped and in operation by January, 1st, 1900. It will be operated by a \$250,000 stock company, Mr. E. C. Holt, a member of the Holt family famous throughout the South for their success in cotton manufacturing, and owning many mills in the State, being at the head of the enterprise.

The company has purchased one hundred acres of land from Mr. W. A. Wright in the northeast suburb of the city in the vicinity of the mineral spring, and the factory is to be erected east of the mineral spring, at the junction of the Atlantic Coast Line and Wilmington Seacoast railroads.

The main building will be 250x125 feet, two stories high. There will be an engine room 30x50 feet, and a boiler room 40x50 feet. In addition to these there will be large storage warehouses, a complete dye plant, a building equipped with finishing machinery, etc. The company will also erect a hundred and twenty-five cottages, to be occupied by the operatives, of whom there will be more than three hundred.

Altogether the buildings to be erected at once will cost fully \$75,000, and the plant is to be materially enlarged within the next year or two, the plans for the main building being designed with this purpose in view. In fact, it is confidently expected that the capital stock will be more than doubled within a reasonably short time.

The factory for the present will be equipped with 10,000 spindles and 500 looms, and will be devoted exclusively to the manufacture of colored goods.

The machinery will be the very latest and most approved patterns throughout, up-to-date in every detail, the very best that can possibly be built. Especial emphasis was put upon this statement yesterday afternoon by Mr. Holt in an interview with a member of the STAR staff.

The STAR has known of the movement for the establishment of this factory for several weeks but for prudential reasons refrained from publishing the facts.

Until the success of the enterprise was positively assured, there is no longer any doubt about the consummation of the plans of the promoters of the enterprise. It is gratifying to note that in the solicitation of stock for the organization of the company fully \$90,000 were subscribed; \$50,000 more than is needed. Mr. E. C. Holt, of Burlington, is the largest individual stockholder, the remainder, a big block of the stock, being taken by Wilmington people.

Mr. Holt left last night for his home and will return to the city about the 15th inst., when the organization of the company will occur. To a STAR representative Mr. Holt said that the plan last night that the company will be in the market at once for 1,500,000 feet of lumber and 1,200,000 brick to be used in the construction of the plant. Bids are now being received for the erection of the building.

Mr. E. C. Holt, the principal stockholder, is a son of the late Jas. H. Holt, of Burlington, and a nephew of the late Governor Holt. His whole life has been devoted to the study of cotton mill business and it is conceded that he is thoroughly up in every detail of the business. He is a stockholder and closely connected with the management of at least five of the most successful mills in the State, notably Elmira and Lakeside mills, in Burlington; Glencoe and Caroline mills, in Alamance county, and the Holt-Morgan mill in Fayetteville.

He told a STAR reporter last night that he has selected Wilmington for the establishment of this, his chief cotton mill enterprise, because of the peculiar adaptability of the place for successfully conducting the business because of the advantageous railroad and seaport facilities. Another reason is that he believes Wilmington to be the most pleasant place of residence anywhere in the State. He has, it will be remembered, purchased a cottage on Wrightsville beach and will move his family down just as soon as the season opens, and will take steps at once to either build or purchase a permanent residence in the city.

Welcome, thrice welcome, to Mr. Holt and family, says the STAR. And it is but so because the hearty sentiment of the people of Wilmington and the lower Cape Fear.

Wire nest-building is not one of the industries in England, but it seems the herons have caught on to it. A heron's nest recently blown from a tree proved to have been built almost altogether out of such wire as is used in binding grain.

Examination showed that a number of nests in the heronry were constructed out of the same material.

American occupation of Cuba has given Spain some idea of how she was buncoed by the gentlemen she sent over there to attend to business for her.

Out of \$28,000,000 of taxes annually collected they turned over only \$9,000,000, pocketing the \$19,000,000 difference.

U. S. CRUISER RALEIGH ARRIVES AT SOUTHPORT.

An Enthusiastic Welcome to the Warship—Salutes Exchanged With Fort Caswell.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Southport, N. C., May 4.—The U. S. cruiser Raleigh arrived at Southport and anchored in the harbor at 6.50 o'clock this evening.

This has been a gala afternoon for the lower Cape Fear, for Wilmington sent her "beauty and her chivalry" down the river to give the cruiser Raleigh a rousing Southern welcome to the waters of the Old North State.

Southport's water front was alive with flags, came down the river about 12 o'clock with the navigation committee aboard, and a little later came the steamers Compton, Hornet and Wilmington, covered with bunting and crowded with people anxious to give their cheer of welcome to the cruiser.

The afternoon passed slowly to awaiting crowds, but at 5.15 o'clock the Raleigh was in sight.

The steamers immediately whistled out and with cheers and whistles met the cruiser off the bar. As the Hornet came abreast, she fired the national salute of twenty-one guns with her little Hotchkiss. The Raleigh, followed by the Hornet, Wilmington, Marion and Compton, and Cape Fear, then came in over the bar at 6.10, and as she came opposite Fort Caswell the port welcomed her with the national salute from its rapid-fire gun, and the guns, making a slight picture of how she must have looked entering Manila harbor on that memorable First of May. The Raleigh then steamed on and anchored in front of the town at 6.50 o'clock.

The Raleigh still has her war paint on, but otherwise looks the same as when she was here about two years ago.

CIGAR SEIZURES.

Deputy Collector Babbitt Found Many of Jacob's Brand in the City Yesterday—His Rounds To-day.

During the past two or three days Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue C. M. Babbitt, of Newbern, has seized about 20,000 cigars from various dealers in the city, which were manufactured by M. W. Jacobs & Co., the stamp counterfeiter of Pennsylvania, the magnitude of whose swindle has been the subject of much comment in the papers.

Mr. Babbitt is taking the city by sections and in conversation with a STAR reporter last night, stated that he was finding the counterfeit stamps on cigar boxes in large and small quantities in almost every grocery and tobacco store in the city.

Of course the purchasers of these cigars are innocent of any intentional wrong-doing, and they have been simply the victims of the wily Jacobs, whose wholesale stealing from the government has made his name famous.

In view of the fact that the purchasers are innocent, Mr. Babbitt says there is no disposition on the part of revenue officials to involve them in further trouble, and that the cigars will be deposited in the revenue vault in the U. S. Court room here, awaiting orders from higher officials, when it is probable upon payment of the revenue tax the cigars will be returned to those from whom they have been received.

In other portions of the district, which embraces a large area of Eastern North Carolina, Mr. Babbitt says he has made a number of seizures of the products of Jacob's factory No. 479. No cigars from the last named factory have, however, been seized here.

The seizures of importance in Wilmington were in ten, four and one thousand lots. Mr. Babbitt will continue his rounds for a day or two in the city and it is probable that other seizures will be made. He has so far visited only the stores in the principal business section of the city.

Wreckage on Smith's Island.

Southport Standard: Pieces of a wrecked vessel, likely the mahogany water to a cabin or saloon, have been drifting ashore on Smith's island, as is reported by the Cape Fear Life Saving crew. New lumber has also drifted up and on Sunday last Messrs. D. W. Manson and James Pinner found a box of bacon about three miles east of the station which will perhaps give a clue to the evidently lost vessel.

Each piece in the box of bacon was preserved in a sack and labeled as follows: "Busy Bee, Fine, Mild Cured Bacon," by Miller & Miller, of Baltimore, had been found among the same.

It now seems very probable that this is a part of the wreckage of the schooner Edna and Emma, which cleared this port for Baltimore with a cargo of kiln-dried lumber from the Hilton Lumber Co. about three weeks ago, and which thus far has not been reported at any point on the coast. She is owned by Fred Lang, of Baltimore; her master is Capt. A. K. Richardson, and already Capt. Craig, President of the Pilot's Association, has received several telegrams from the owner enquiring as to her whereabouts.

This, coupled with the facts that the bacon found was packed by a Baltimore house; that a severe storm occurred shortly after she went to sea, and that the captain of the Norwegian barque Audhild subsequently sighted an overturned schooner off Frying Pan shoals, strongly indicates that the Edna and Emma was capsized at sea.

The schooner has a tonnage of 174, and good judges say that she is not built to stand a gale.

Not a Question of Water-way.

A correspondent of the Raleigh Observer says:

"To-day it was finally determined that the Raleigh would not go up to the city, for reasons which Captain Coghlan privately stated to the Wilmington committee, and which were given and accepted with deep regret on both sides."

"It is hardly necessary to state that the question of the water-way was not one of the reasons for Captain Coghlan and the pilots gave assurance that the water depth and passage could be easily made the entire distance."

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Special Meeting Yesterday—Treasurer Green's Account Examined—Jurors Drawn for June Term of Court.

Little business of interest to the general public was transacted by the County Commissioners at the special session, held yesterday afternoon. Those present were Col. Roger Moore, Chairman, Capt. John Barry and Commissioners Alexander and Holmes.

The vote of the county in the bond election was examined and officially declared as already published in the STAR.

An adjournment was taken at 2 o'clock and upon re-assembling at 4 o'clock in the afternoon a number of county bills were audited and approved. The report of County Treasurer H. McL. Green for April was examined.

The report shows a balance on hand from March account amounting to \$262.24, which with receipts of \$6,355.35 for the month amounts to \$7,011.59. The disbursements for the month were \$3,532.10, subdivided under the following heads: Public buildings, \$325.20; City Hospital, \$281.34; County Home, \$291.62; Criminal Court, \$113.85; Superior Court, \$200; Jail, \$148.45; Auditor's Office, \$47.20; Roads and Bridges, \$48.72; Tax Listing, \$175; Advertising and Printing, \$47.50; Interest, \$136.50; Magistrates, \$55.07; Solicitor, \$47; Attorney, \$25; Register of Deeds, \$33.54; Constable, \$24.05; Clerk, \$85; Janitor, \$45; Coroner, \$42.15; Superintendent of Health, \$77.50; Commissioners, \$63.40; Treasurer, \$36.01. This leaves a balance to May account of \$4,479.49.

The Treasurer's account with the special fund shows a balance on hand from March of \$1,932.24, and disbursements of \$25.31, leaving a balance to May account of \$1,906.93.

The following list of jurors was drawn to serve during the June term of New Hanover Criminal Court:

Joe T. King, Mike Carroll, C. W. Bishop, G. W. Smith, W. H. Harly, W. H. Bernard, Thomas Marshburn, E. D. Boatwright, W. G. Pickard, Stephen Kora, M. W. Jacobs, S. H. Burt, L. C. Craig, M. C. Wall, Alex. H. Leslie, K. T. Roan, Sam. Deaux, S. H. Chadborn, W. E. Mayo, Owen F. Love, S. M. Bunting, Thos. Canady, J. E. Bissett, S. D. Standland, Jos. Durham, Jas. English, G. W. Presley, John Danehardt, J. D. H. Klander, A. C. Skipper, F. Richter, Wm. Goodman, Stephen Jewett, J. D. Reynolds, Geo. W. McGarry, G. J. McMillan.

CAROLINA COOPERAGE PLANT.

Will Resume Operations To-day Under New Management.

The old Carolina Cooperage Co., the plant of which was recently sold under a bankruptcy decree by Judge Purnell and bid in by Mr. A. H. Slocombe, of Fayetteville, for Mr. J. W. Norwood, will resume operations this morning under name of The A. H. Slocombe Cooperage and Veneer Works.

Mr. C. L. Taylor will be superintendent and general manager of the plant and about the same character of products will be manufactured as was turned out by the Carolina Cooperage Co.

Mr. Taylor has had a force of laborers and mechanics employed for several days entirely remodeling the machinery, and 'now the plant is more thoroughly equipped for doing first class work than ever before.

About the same number of hands will be employed, but the manufacturing output on account of the improved machinery will be greater.

THE SCHOONER EDNA AND EMMA.

Circumstances indicate that she was Capsized at Sea Some Time Ago.

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HEROES ENTERTAINED.

Good Old North Carolina Welcome to the Officers of the Raleigh.

TWO RECEPTIONS LAST NIGHT.

Silver Dinner Service Presented at Mr. James Sprunt's Residence—Ladies' Reception at The Orton—Guns Presented City of Raleigh.

A truly "good old North Carolina welcome" is what the people of Wilmington are according to Captain Coghlan and the other officers of the Raleigh.

Two receptions, the most brilliant that have been given in the city in many a day, were held in their honor last night, the first at the residence of Mr. James Sprunt and the other by the ladies' committee—on entertainment at The Orton. Prior to both of these functions, about 8.30 o'clock, Captain Coghlan was escorted to the Opera House by Mayor Waddell and Capt. T. D. Meares, where he was introduced to the tremendous audience assembled there to attend the annual regatta by the Wilmington Musical Association. He was introduced by Capt. Meares, who addressed the audience said:

"An American hero needs no introduction to an American audience. You all know Capt. Coghlan, of the Raleigh, whom I now present."

The Wilmington Opera House never reverberated with more enthusiastic cheers than followed Capt. Meares' speech of introduction.

When quiet had been sufficiently restored, Capt. Coghlan said:

"I cannot be an American hero, for Capt. Meares has, you know, introduced me."

He added that he merely came by to say "howdy and good-by," as he was due to fill an engagement with Mr. and Mrs. James Sprunt.

Silver Dinner Service Presented.

At 8.45 o'clock a party of invited guests assembled at the residence of Mr. James Sprunt where a very delightful reception was in progress until about 10.30.

The guests of honor were Captain and Mrs. Coghlan and their daughter, Mrs. Haywood, Lieut. Hugh Rodman, Ensign P. Babin, Captain of Marines C. O. Nathan, of the cruiser Raleigh, and Assistant Attorney General Boyd, who arrived here with Mrs. Coghlan and daughter yesterday morning to participate in the ceremonies attendant upon the entertainment of the visiting heroes.

After the reception ceremonies, which were held in the front drawing-room, the guests were invited to the spacious hall at the entrance to the conservatory, where on a centre-table was spread a magnificent silver dinner service. When the party had assembled Mr. Wm. Calder stepped to the table and said:

"Captain Coghlan and Officers of the United States Cruiser Raleigh."

In behalf of this assembly, and especially of our generous hosts and these other fair ladies, to whose hospitable and patriotic greetings we are indebted for this opportunity of greeting you, I bid you welcome to the waters of the Cape Fear region of North Carolina.

This visit of your renowned ship we will cherish in the memory of our many notable and inspiring events which have happened on their shores. Here first was made open and armed resistance to royal oppression in the cause of American Independence. Beneath the waters of this harbor lie the wrecks of the ships of those Spanish depredators, who, just one hundred and fifty years ago, would have made honest Anglo-Saxon fishermen pay their tribute, and now we welcome home this proud ship and gallant crew but yesterday, we may say, in the fore front of that conflict with the British, for the ship and her crew were the most magnificent and best governed colonial empire the world has ever seen.

Very gratifying is it to North Carolinians that the ship named in honor of our capital city after that great sailor, soldier, scholar and statesman—Walker Raleigh—should have done us so much honor and honor to our land. We thank you one and all, captain, officers, men and boys, and welcome you to our hearts and homes.

When the news of the victory in Manila bay on the first of May, 1898, was flashed around the world, the answering shouts of freemen everywhere proclaimed that the shackles had fallen from the islands of the seas where honest individual liberty was to succeed antiquated tyranny. Say and think as differently as we may of so called imperialism and expansion policies, there is but one opinion as to the conduct of that noble Admiral and his brave fleet on that momentous day.

Sailing boldly into a magnificently protected harbor which he had every right to believe a brave and alert adversary had made well nigh impregnable, he crushed his enemy, and won from fortune the fame that comes only to those who dare to do.

All honor to the name of Dewey! Gallant gentlemanly able captain, dauntless statesman. He opened and closed most gloriously this latest drama in the world's great contest for freedom.

And you, the first returned of his companions to your native shores, can imagine, from the welcome that has been accorded you, what a grateful people will do when he returns, and well believe that—

"When Dewey comes sailing across the bar  
The guns will loudly peal,  
He began the war; he ended the war,  
And he never missed a meal."

Most appropriate was it that in that epoch making battle the name of Raleigh should have been so conspicuously displayed; he who, more than three hundred years ago, began to war upon that Spanish cruelty, bigotry and oppression which has now, by men of his own race, been brought so near its end in these last days of the nineteenth century.

His famous execution, prompted, doubtless, by the hatred of the Spanish King, seems now fully avenged, and proud should you be that, under your

guidance, his paternity should have been the only one of all the long line of Spain's hereditary foes to flout its memories in the eyes of the last defenders of her once formidable sea power.

The Names of history has been satisfied by your prowess. It was, in truth, a brilliant deed. Nor fact nor fiction chronicles one more satisfyingly successful, and we may well believe that such spirits as Raleigh, Hawkins, Drake and Amey Raleigh would have gloried in the opportunity to share your honors.

But to us of North Carolina the part borne by your ship appeals with special force. The name of Raleigh is linked with our history. He, first of all the followers of those who sent their prowess westward in search of that land from which you have just returned, sent out his colonies to our shores and opened the way for the liberty and civilization we enjoy here to-day.

Our State has fittingly commemorated his name; the country has, in this latter day, given it to your keeping; and we may well believe our naval heroes will never let its lustre fade.

In recognition of your services, captain, and to commemorate this visit of your ship to our waters, at the suggestion of Mrs. James Sprunt, some of our friends and mostly of that ever quickest to reward valor, desire to present to the cruiser Raleigh with this testimonial, bearing the inscription:

"Presented by a few friends in Wilmington, N. C., To the U. S. Cruiser Raleigh, To commemorate her arrival in Cape Fear harbor, May, 1899."

With the trophy from Manila, May, 1899."

Into your custody, gentlemen, I give it. Add