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## THROUGH THE LITTLE ONES MADE GLAD NEWS' SANTA CLAUS

Many Little Harts Made to Leap With Joy Because of the Visit of Santa Claus At the City Hall Yesterday at the Noon Hour. About 400 Present.

Richardson's Orchestra Made Music For the Little Ones. News Thanks Those Who Aided in Giving Gifts to the Children and Helped Decorate.

If every subscriber to The News' Santa Claus fund, could have peeped into the ball room of the city hall yesterday at the noon hour, that one would have been repaid an hundred fold for his or her donation.

It was truly a beautiful scene and one that touched of the pathetic. Here and there about the large room were little ones with pinched faces, bearing all the evidences of poverty. But midst the joy of the Christmas time, even these little faces wore the smile of real enjoyment and the little hands clapped for joy because of the happy occasion.

Promptly at 11 o'clock, the doors to the big ball room of the city hall swung wide open and from 400 to 500 little ones filed in and took their stand in a circle around the room.

Soon thereafter, the members of Richardson's Orchestra came in and in a short while strains of sweetest music filled the room. With the first touch of the several instruments the little ones gathered around. Mr. Richardson and his orchestra and the sight was one long to be remembered.

To add gaiety to the scene, Misses Louie, Stuart and Sarah Jones, Sadie Belle Mayer, Lucy Robinson and Lucy Ray, glided across the floor in a merry dance. The little ones watched with much interest these young ladies, who came to add their presence and their kindly offices. Like ministering angels, they went among the tots and heard their little stories of what they thought of Santa Claus. Many of these little ones brought therns to the eyes, for indeed, many were there who had never really known of the Christmas spirit or Santa Claus.

After a number of selections by the orchestra, the children were lined up and as they passed out they were laden with toys, books, candies, nuts and in fact many good things.

As the children reached the street all wore smiles of real contentment. For, to them, The News' Santa Claus had proven a blessing far greater than they had even anticipated.

Once more The News wishes to thank a generous public for assisting it in securing so many things for the poor little ones of Charlotte. And in this connection The News wishes to specially thank six young ladies, Misses Louie Jones, Stuart Jones, Sarah Jones, Lucy Robinson, Sadie Belle Mayer and Lucy Ray, for their many acts of kindness. Their presence added greatly to the scene.

And to Richardson Orchestra The News is greatly indebted. It was a beautiful thought in Mr. Richardson and this paper feels more kindly than ever, if possible, toward him and his splendid musicians. And the best of all—the act was a voluntary one on the part of these gentlemen.

To the ladies who assisted in preparing the huge Christmas tree, The News in the name of the little children who were so delighted with it, thanks one and all.

Next Christmas The News hopes and expects to do even greater things for the little ones.

## GIFTS FOR CHIEF ORR.

Firemen Present Him With Two Handsome Presents. Mr. W. S. Orr, chief of the Charlotte fire department, was presented with two very handsome Christmas presents yesterday. The regular firemen presented him with a handsome silk gold-headed umbrella and the call firemen with a toilet set. The gifts were presented by Assistant Chief, W. S. Charles in the presence of the firemen, Mayor S. S. McNinch and Col. A. L. Smith. Mrs. Orr was also the recipient of a present from the firemen—a large box of Huyler's candy.

## FOUND HELPLESS AT SEA.

British Steamship Was Discovered by the Trojan Helpless at Sea. Norfolk, Va., Dec. 26.—The British steamship Lincoln having lost at sea three blades of her propeller passed in the Virginia capes this morning in tow of the British steamship Trojan. The Lincoln sailed from Newport News, Va., December 22. The Lincoln was found helpless at sea by the Trojan.

## SNYDER SENTENCED.

His Failure Cost Depositors \$100,000. Gets Fine of \$100 and Costs. Cedar Rapids, Ia., Dec. 26.—E. E. Snyder, the former banker at Olin, whose failure cost his depositors \$100,000, was sentenced today to pay a fine of \$100 and the costs. Snyder pleaded guilty to fraudulent banking, but his creditors signed a plea for clemency.

## TO HAVE MISS ALICE PRESENT.

Oregon People Start Movement to Give Her a Wedding Present From All the People.

Baker City, Ore., Dec. 26.—A move to create by popular subscription a wedding present for Miss Alice Roosevelt has been started by the citizens of the eastern part of Oregon. It is the plan of the originators to have subscription lists in each State of the Union, the money secured to be transmitted to the various State Treasurers, who will in turn forward it to the Secretary of the Treasury at Washington.

Subscriptions will close February 8, so as to enable the present, which it is believed will be about \$800,000, to be turned over to Miss Alice Roosevelt on the day of the wedding. Individual subscriptions will be limited to ten cents.

## FIRE IN OREGON.

Large Part of Town of Tipton Destroyed, With a Heavy Blizzard Raging.

Baker City, Ore., Dec. 26.—A message by telephone to the Democrat from Sumpter, Oregon, states that fire last night destroyed a large part of the town of Tipton, 31 miles south of Sumpter.

The fire started in a hotel and rapidly spread to the adjoining buildings. A blizzard is raging, accompanied by heavy snow fall and nearly all the people of Tipton are homeless. There was little or no insurance, no fire department and little water. Loss is not known here.

## CHARLESTON EN ROUTE.

Reaches Norfolk Navy Yard, Where the Finishing Touches Will Be Put On.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 26.—The United States armored Cruiser Charleston arrived at the Norfolk Navy Yard yesterday for the finishing touches before proceeding, early in January, for Charleston, S. C., where the citizens of that place are to present the vessel with a silver service.

## BIG HOTEL FIRE.

Loss \$60,000—Over 150 Guests Fled Into Streets in Night Cloths.

Uniontown, Pa., Dec. 26.—Fire early today practically ruined the interior and contents of the Exchange Hotel of this city. The fire started in the dining room, about 3 o'clock and the 150 guests were by stratagem fled to the streets in their night cloths. There was much suffering on account of the severe weather. The loss is \$60,000.

"BLACK JACK THE SLUGGER." Noted Man Dead—Was Well Known for Acts of Violence in Streets.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—John Thomas Gallagher, known in police and labor circles as "Black Jack the Slugger" and accused of more acts of violence in the streets than any other man in Chicago's labor history, died at his home yesterday. Stomach trouble, superinduced by strain and worry resulting from ceaseless prosecution was the cause of his death. Gallagher was 22 years old.

## THREE WERE MURDERED.

Quarrel at Turkey Shooting Match Ends Fatally.

London, Ky., Dec. 26.—News reached here late last night of the killing of three men in Leslie county yesterday. At Big Fork a crowd of men congregated at a turkey shooting match. A dispute over the match caused a general disturbance in which John Duff and Jacob Wilson and Alexander Little shot and killed Mack Roberts, a deputy sheriff. Duff and Wilson were arrested. Little escaped.

At Moose Creek James Creech was shot by William Vanover in a quarrel.

## MORALES IS PRISONER.

Rumored that President is Prisoner at Irons.

Turks Island, Bahamas, Dec. 26.—It is rumored here that President Morales is a prisoner in irons at the capital of San Domingo.

## TROUBLE RIFE IN SANTO DOMINGO

Report of Serious State of Affairs in Santo Domingo Received at State and Navy Department. Captain of Port Killed. Fight Took Place.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Advices received by cable at the State and Navy departments from Santo Domingo indicate that a serious condition of affairs exists there. Captain of the Port of Puerto Plata was shot and killed during an insurrectionary movement and the Governor of that province has defied the general government and barricaded the town.

The Dominican Government had issued a decree removing the Governor. The State Department has determined that this is an internal difficulty and will not intervene at this stage.

Santo Domingo, Monday, Dec. 26.—The following announcement was made today that the President of the Republic, General Carlos F. Morales, had left the capital for an unknown destination and that troops were sent in pursuit of the Chief Magistrate.

What took place after that cannot be definitely determined, but it is known that a fight took place about ten miles from here and it is supposed that General Pimental, the rebel commander, was attacked by the government troops.

Th whereabouts of the fugitive President is not known.

## NORTH CAROLINIAN GETS FULL REWARD FOR HIS BRAVERY

President Roosevelt Waived Civil Service Regulation's and Promoted S. H. Alexander For Defending Post Office at Emma N. C. From Burglars

An Official Statement Was Issued Giving Account of Deed. Story of How Alexander Contended With Burglars After He Was Shot.

Washington, Dec. 26.—As a reward for defending the postoffice at Emma, North Carolina, four years ago, against four burglars, President Roosevelt has waived the civil service regulations upon the recommendation of Postmaster General Cortelli and promoted S. H. Alexander from a laborer to a clerkship in the Department.

Not only has the brave North Carolinian been promoted but to accentuate the honor an official statement was issued which gives a full account of the deed.

As the attempted robbery took place on the night of February 6, 1901 and the official account shows that Alexander, although of small stature engaged in a desperate struggle with the robbers, one of whom shot him in the abdomen.

Alexander, however, continued to fight and shot two men, seriously injuring them. He called for assistance and was found lying weak and faint in a pool of blood.

The two accomplices who were waiting on the outside carried away the wounded burglars to the house in which they were arrested the same night. Two of them were hanged February 26, 1902, while the other two received life sentences.

## HOSPITALS ALL FULL.

Many Dead and Wounded As Result of Fighting at Moscow.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26. 11.39 A. M.—Yesterday's fighting at Moscow occurred mostly at some distance from the center of the city. The revolutionists abandoned the Everskala thoroughfare as it is so easily swept by the artillery and concentrated their forces in the narrow, winding streets of the commercial quarter, where the shops were closed and occupied by the military.

The mortuaries at Moscow are filled with the dead. The hospitals are unable to find room for the wounded and many private houses are filled with wounded persons. Many houses and other buildings from which the revolutionists threw bombs were demolished by the artillery.

Hundreds Perish in Fire. The Slovo today says that leaders of the revolutionary army at Moscow are mostly students of Kioff, Kharkoff and Odessa, among whom are many Jews. The military holds the center of Moscow and apparently are awaiting reinforcements, which have reported to be on the way to Moscow from all directions.

The revolutionists hold the outskirts of Moscow. A terrible holocaust occurred at the Sytin works, where 6,000 workmen were suddenly surrounded by cavalry and artillery. The latter fired at the building, which was soon in flames. Hundreds perished in the conflagration.

It is officially established that the revolutionists have six automatic guns. The gates of the Tartar city which surrounds the Kremlin of Moscow, where millions of church treasures are stored, have been closed and troops and machine guns have been stationed on the walls. Prince Tcherbatoff's "Black Hundred" militia has been armed by Governor Domassoff and terrible reprisals on the revolutionists are anticipated if the rebellion is crushed.

## SHANGHAI QUIET.

Force of 250 Land—Mixed Court Resumed.

Shanghai, Dec. 26.—All is quiet here. A force of 250 men has been landed by the British Cruiser Andromeda and the blue jacket guards are maintained all through the foreign concession.

The British Assessor, Twyman, will resume the mixed court tomorrow. The Chinese officials have tardily issued warrants for the arrest of promoters of the riot who have escaped.

## JAPANESE AMBASSADOR.

Viscount Suizo Aoki Gets Appointment to This Country.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—Viscount Suizo Aoki has been appointed as Japanese Ambassador to this country. The Viscount Aoki is a member of the Privy Council and of the first class order of the Rising Sun. He is of the highest diplomatic rank.

## General Osborne Herc.

General F. I. Osborne, who writes -New York after his name these days, is in the city shaking hands with his many friends and admirers. He is looking splendid and seems to like the metropolis.

## CHRISTMAS IN THE CAPITAL.

General Suspension of Official Business—The Day at the White House.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Official Washington celebrated Christmas by a general suspension of governmental business. Only matters of urgent importance were considered, no routine business being taken up. All government departments were closed to public business.

President Roosevelt appeared at his office for a brief time to dispose of a few matters of importance. He did not attend church service, remaining during the morning hours with the members of his family. Intimate personal friends called at the White House, but for the most part, no visitors were received.

There was general gift-giving at the White House. This exchange of presents was confined practically to members of the family. Mrs. Cowles, the President's sister, entertained the members of the family with gift-giving at her home. During the afternoon President and Mrs. Roosevelt went for a long ride. A family dinner was given at the White House later in the day. Among the guests was Representative Nicholas Longworth, fiancé of Miss Roosevelt.

The President has notified the members of the Cabinet that during the present week there will be no regular meeting of the Cabinet. He will take up only matters of the most urgent importance and will receive no callers or visitors unless business is imperative.

Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks entertained a party of friends at their home here, but it is their purpose to spend the holiday recess at their home in Indianapolis.

The members of the Cabinet, after disposing of such business in their departments as required immediate attention, passed the day with their families at their homes.

Throughout the city business generally was suspended and the day was very like Sunday in the National Capital.

## MANY FELL BY THE WAYSIDE, DRUNK

Recorder's Docket This Morning Showed That Christmas Was Poorly Celebrated by A Great Many People. Those Who Were Tried.

The Recorder's docket this morning showed the effects of the unwise Christmas spirit. In fact, there were many who celebrated the holiday by taking on an over-load of liquor.

Today they are repentant, not only because of their sore heads and nerve-racked brains, but because they have been made to suffer still more in making even with the demands of the court.

The Recorder has no sympathy with the man who allows his appetite to run away with him on Christmas day. He, like others, believes in a different kind of celebration.

Those who faced him this morning, are fully convinced of this. One of the first cases on the docket this morning was a charge against John Alexander, a young white man, for being drunk. Alexander admitted the "corn," paid \$5 and left the court room.

Lee Pharr, fell by the wayside and when Officer Christenbury arrested him, he wanted to act ugly. A fine of \$10 and the costs were registered against him.

J. F. McIlwain admitted that he was carrying a pistol yesterday, concealed. He said his life had been threatened and he desired to be "fixed" for his man. The court told him there was no law that said he should not carry a pistol, but that it could not be concealed. He was bound over in a \$50 bond.

R. E. Melton, bit the dust because of an over dose of "red eye." He chipped in \$5 and went on his way a wiser but sadder man.

Henry Ross carried too long over the corn, and as a consequence, the "goblins" got him. Five dollars was what he paid into the city treasury.

Russ Smith added disorder to his drunk, therefore, he was made to pay \$10.

T. M. Norwood got drunk on "corn juice" and a tax of \$5 was registered against him. He was also charged with selling a quart of liquor. This case will be heard later. A bond of \$50 was required in the liquor selling case.

## IN FIT OF JEALOUSY.

Crushed Wife's Skull and Cut His Own Throat.

Wheeler, W. Va., Dec. 26.—In a fit of jealousy today, Asby Willis, colored, crushed the skull of his white wife with an axe. Later, when an attempt was made to arrest him, he cut his throat with a razor.

## DISASTROUS FIRE IN LITTLE ROCK LOSS \$100,000.

At an Early Hour This Morning A Whole Business Block Was Burned. Loss About \$100,000. Burned Buildings Included Carriage Repository. Livery Stable.

Also A Jewish Synagogue Small Buildings. One of the Most Disastrous Conflagrations in the History of the City. The Heaviest Loser is Owner of Carriages.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 26.—One of the most disastrous fires in the history of Little Rock visited this city at an early hour this morning. With the exception of two small buildings, every building on the block bound by Second, Third, Louisiana and Center streets, was destroyed. The heaviest loss is Fred Roesith, whose four story carriage repository was burned to the ground, causing a loss of about \$50,000.

The burned district also included the livery stable of C. L. Kraft, the old Jewish synagogue, Merchants livery stable and many small brick buildings occupied by blacksmith shops.

The entire loss is estimated at \$100,000.

## DEATH ENDS NOBLE CAREER.

Hon. James A. Lockhart Died Sunday Morning in This City.

Sunday morning shortly after 3 o'clock, the spirit of Hon. James Alexander Lockhart passed out into the Beyond. Death came peacefully and quietly, so much so that the patient watchers by the bedside, hardly realized the presence of the grim reaper.

The body was prepared for burial and was taken to Wadesboro Sunday night, where the funeral and interment took place yesterday.

Mr. Lockhart had been a patient at the Presbyterian Hospital for several weeks. His condition was regarded as serious when he reached Charlotte and he gradually grew worse until the end came at the hour named above.

The deceased was one of the most prominent men of the State and had been called upon by his people to represent them in several important bodies. Twice he was elected to Congress from the old Sixth district, and ably did he fill that high and important trust.

Mr. Lockhart was 55 years old and had been practicing his profession, law, at Wadesboro for nearly 30 years. He had a lucrative practice and had won his way to the front by his own perseverance and signal ability.

About a year ago, Mrs. Lockhart, the beloved wife, passed away from earth to heaven. Her death seemed to almost crush the husband, and it is said that he never fully recovered from this great shock.

The deceased is survived by six children: Mrs. H. H. McLendon, Messrs. George B. Lockhart, James A. Lockhart, Jr., S. S. Lockhart, Ashe Lockhart and Miss Caroline Ashe Lockhart. Three sisters and one brother also survive him: Mesdames Louisa Lockhart, L. L. Little, C. B. Moore, of Charlotte, and Mr. Vernon Lockhart.

## CAPT. FRANKLIN REMEMBERED.

His Sunday School Gives Him a Beautiful Chair.

The Christmas entertainment of the Sunday school of the First Baptist church, last night, was in every respect a most enjoyable affair. The children were given many beautiful presents and all went away thoroughly happy.

One of the features of last night's entertainment was the presentation of a handsome leather chair to Capt. Thomas S. Franklin, the much beloved superintendent, by the members of the Sunday school. The presentation speech was made by Mr. W. C. Dowd in his happiest style.

As Stephen, the popular organist, was presented with a handsome chair as was also Mrs. F. Taylor, the teacher of the Barca class.

## SUNDAY TRAGEDY.

John Bryce Kills Peter Caldwell—Both Well Known Negroes.

John Bryce, a well known negro about town shot and almost instantly killed Peter Caldwell, colored, Sunday evening between 5 and 6 o'clock. The tragedy took place on South Middle street and was the direct result of a drunken row.

The men had had some trouble early in the afternoon. About 5 o'clock they met at a house on South Middle street and there the row was renewed.

Caldell, it is said, made a threat to put an end to Bryce's life when the latter drew his gun and fired three times. Two of the shots entered Caldwell's body, one near the heart and the other in the stomach. Either shot, the physicians say, would have killed the man.

Soon after the shooting Bryce made his escape and has not been heard of since. The body of Caldwell was buried today.

There were only two bales of cotton received at the local platform today. The price was 11.60. For the same day last year the receipts amounted to two bales and the best price was 7%.

## MRS. WHITE DEAD.

The End Came at 3 O'Clock This Afternoon.

Mrs. R. M. White died this afternoon at 3 o'clock at her home on East Avenue.

The funeral arrangements will be made known later.

The deceased was one of the best known women of the city and was in every respect a most lovable person.

Mrs. White had been ill for several days and her condition was regarded as hopeless last night. The deceased is survived by a large family connection and a great many friends.

## IN HONOR OF VETERANS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sexton Entertained More Than 90 Yesterday Afternoon.

More than 90 Confederate veterans responded to the hospitable invitation of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sexton to take Christmas dinner with them yesterday afternoon and there have been few gatherings that brought more pleasure and sunshine into the hearts of Confederates who wore the gray than at Mrs. Sexton's home yesterday. The home on Park Avenue in Dilworth was profusely decorated with Christmas colors and Confederate flags.

One of the most enjoyable features of the dinner was the splendid singing of the male quartette, composed of Messrs. Harvey Overcash, J. H. Parks, Cecil Butt and W. W. Graham. Among the selections rendered were "Soldier's Farewell," "Fencing on the Old Camp Ground," "Dixie," "Maryland," "The Homespun Dress," and "The Old North State." Misses Carrie Nathan, piano, and Irene Allison, violin were the accompanists. The choruses of "The Old North State" "The Homespun Dress," and "Dixie" were joined in heartily by the old veterans.

During the afternoon, Capt. W. B. Taylor presented Mrs. Sexton with a stick-pin made of a Confederate button from the uniform he wore in '61.

A number of impromptu speeches were made during the afternoon. Commander L. Leon, in behalf of the Camp thanked Mrs. Sexton for her generous hospitality and expressed the high esteem and appreciation of the interest she takes in the veterans.

A souvenir card adorned with Confederate flags with the following inscription, was presented to each soldier: "Soldiers—you in the wreck of gray, Take my love and my tears today; Take them all that I have to give; But by God's grace while my heart shall live.

It still shall keep in its faithful way. The camp fires lit for the men in gray."

## A DOUBLE LYNCHING.

Prisoners Were Butchered in Broad Daylight.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 26.—News of a double lynching at Barnwell Friday has been received here. Sheriff Creech has wired Governor Heyward that the affair was a brutal murder; that the helpless prisoners were butchered in open daylight and that the officers were guilty of dereliction of duty. H. S. Craddock, a well known white merchant, was killed by Frank and John Deloche, negroes, who were arrested by the Constable and placed in the lock-up. The men were taken out and shot to death with guns and pistols Friday.

News of the lynching was suppressed. Sheriff Creech is preparing to make the arrests and Governor Heyward announces he will sustain the Sheriff.

## Another Prize Winner.

Mr. Edwin Howard, of Charlotte, won the second prize of \$35 offered by Jewelbald & Bruns, the well known jewelryers. Mr. Howard held No. 9334.

Neither the first nor third prize winners have reported today. The number that gets the first prize is 11,022 and the third is 2,573. The first prize is \$50 and the third \$15.

## CHARLOTTE HOTEL WAS CHARTERED

Secretary of State Granted Charter to C. E. Hooper, D. A. Hurley and J. T. Mathews As C. E. Hooper and Co. to do Hotel Business in City.

By Associated Press. Raleigh, Dec. 26.—A charter was granted C. E. Hooper, D. A. Hurley and J. T. Mathews as C. E. Hooper & Co., to do a hotel business at Charlotte, the capital stock being \$100,000.

A charter was also granted the Mooreville Loan and Trust Co., with capital stock of \$100,000, C. P. McNeill and others are the stockholders.

State Treasurer Lucy is quite sick at his home here. He has a deep cold.

The Governor orders a special term of Craven county Superior Court and a special term of Guilford, the latter begins January 22nd, Judge Cook presiding, the term being two weeks.

James Baker, one of the richest and most liked negroes in Raleigh, was badly hurt by a street car today, but will recover.

The county and city officials report no dangerous accident due to Christmas observances. There was less drunkenness than usual and Christmas was a thoroughly enjoyable holiday.

Governor Glenn offers \$75 reward for Dave Boyd, a murderer, of Beaufort county.

## THREE MEN HURLED INTO ETERNITY BY DASHING TRAIN

Were Walking on Southern Railroad Track Near Spartanburg When First Section of No. 36 Bore Down Upon Them, Killing Them Instantly

Bodies Fearfully Mangled Richard Rogeres and J. E. Stone Were Hurled Into Air While M. D. Hill Was Ground to Pulp. Parts of Bodies Scattered.

Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 26.—Three men were hurled into eternity this morning at 20 minutes past eight o'clock while walking on the Southern railroad tracks 300 yards south of the depot by being struck by the first section of No. 36, approaching from the rear at a rapid gait.

The men were watching an outgoing freight on the track to their right and it was impossible to warn them of the approach of the thundering mail train, running two hours late, which bore down upon them, grinding the body of M. D. Hill into an unrecognizable mass and hurling the bodies of J. E. Stone and Richard Rogers high into the air.

All three men were killed outright. The fast mail was making rapid time and was in charge of Engineer Fugus and Conductor Gordon.

The sight presented to the first arrivals at the scene of the tragedy was too horrible to gaze upon. Blood, brains and pieces of flesh and clothing were strewn about and the body of Hill, mangled into a pulp, lay between the rails having been run over by the huge engine and the entire train.

While the body of Stone, a rural mail carrier, lay to the right and that of Rogers, a mill operative, to the left, where they were hurled by the pilot, the last two men evidently having been hit by the sides of the pilot while Hill was hit by the point and rolled and mangled beneath the engine.

One man reported that he found a shoe filled with brains near the site of the disaster.

## THAT DISPUTED ARTICLE.

Committee Left This Morning For Baltimore to Consult With Mr. Miller.

Mr. R. O. Alexander, Dr. George W. Graham and Mr. Alexander Graham, the committee appointed to consult with Mr. S. Millington Miller concerning the Mecklenburg Declaration articles recently published in Collier's, left this morning for Baltimore, where they are to meet Mr. Miller the last of the week. In making an appointment with the committee to meet him there at that time, Mr. Miller stated that he would have all the necessary documents to prove the genuineness of the much-disputed article.

These gentlemen will attend the meeting of the American Historical Society in Baltimore, having been tendered a special invitation.

## A Joyous Occasion.

There was a joyous and merry Gathering at Dr. and Mrs. Sam A. Grier's yesterday at the family reunion. Those present were: Rev. J. Mercer Blain, Daniel, Mary Grier and Margaret Cara Blain; S. Andrew Grier, Jr., and wife, Mrs. C. M. G. Buford and wife, Mrs. W. H. Grier, Mrs. Ball was unavoidably detained, Misses Mary Gilmer, Evelyn and Anna Burwell Grier, Master Thomas Grier. A large Christmas tree had been tastefully arranged, and loaded down with presents. Many presents came from Mr. and Mrs. Blain's large family connection. After prayer the tree was bereft of its beauty in a short time and many hearts were made glad. At dinner, which was elegantly prepared by the hostess' two daughters, thirteen sat down to enjoy the same. It was a day of delightful pleasure and may the memory of it never be forgotten.