

# Come to Mecklenburg Fair

## Charlotte, October 24, 25, 26 and 27

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### The Year's Biggest Event Conducted on a Grand Scale Than Ever Before

## Grand Free Attractions

### Sensational Horse Races

Every day of the fair there will be exciting races between the best horses in the Southern Racing Circuit. The purses are the largest given at any fair in the state and insure a big field of horses, both trotters and runners.

### United States Marine Band Of Washington, D. C.

One of the strongest musical organizations in the world has been engaged for this event and will give concerts in front of the grand stand Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 25th. This splendid musical treat has been secured by the association at a great expense and is worth coming many miles to enjoy. Do not miss it.

### Big Flying Machine Exhibition By Aviator Hamilton

The celebrated Aviator, C. E. Hamilton, has been engaged to give exhibition flights on a Curtiss Bi-Plane on Thursday and Friday, October 26th and 27th. The contract with Mr. Hamilton provides that he must remain in the air at least thirty minutes and ascend to a height of not less than one thousand feet on each occasion. This will be a splendid exhibition of the wonderful machine that is the marvel of the century. It is free to all who attend the fair on these days.

### Test Farm Exhibits

One of the most interesting and instructive features of the Fair will be the exhibit made by the Test Farms of North Carolina.

The exhibits will be of an instructive character and include farm products, soils and fertilizers and will be under the charge of several experts furnished by the state who will explain the various features of the exhibit and give information of great value and importance to farmers.

There will be splendid exhibits of Live Stock, Poultry, Agricultural Products, Implements, Art and Domestic Products as well as exhibits made by leading merchants and manufacturers. The Midway will be high class in every sense and will furnish noise, fun and confusion to make the days and nights merry. The Grounds and Buildings will be Brilliantly Lighted and kept open until 12 o'clock every night. Don't miss this big event. Come and bring your family to help celebrate the year's Biggest Holidays.

## Fear That the Liberal Government Will Give Home Rule to Ireland

### English Hotheads Would Resist Decree of Their own Government -- Lloyd George Having Trouble With His National Insurance Bill.

### Mark Twain's Courier Down on his Luck--Inventor Claims That Ocean May be Crossed in Two Days--Government Instruction at Cost.

(BY PHILLIP EVERETT.)

London, Oct. 14.—Curious developments are taking place in Ireland just now. A number of men in Ulster, who are firmly convinced that the people of the Emerald Isle are not fit to govern themselves, and who fear that the present liberal government may be able to give home rule to Ireland, have determined to have a home rule of their own and to resist, if necessary even with arms, the local government that may be established at Dublin. So loyal are these men to the king of England, that they will refuse to recognize a law that may be passed by the British parliament and signed by that very king, and if it should be decided to subdue them, these loyal hotheads of Belfast have even now made it known that the said army and navy will attack them at their peril.

No wonder Irishmen have always had a reputation for their keen appreciation of humor. National Insurance Bill. Mr. Lloyd George is not yet out of the woods with his national insurance bill which was greeted with so much admiration by all parties, when it first appeared. His difficulties seem indeed to grow worse every day and all the attacks that are made against his favorite measure the more seem to come from the men who profess to speak on the part of the working classes. The minister recently asserted that the main point of the measure is that it gives every worker nine pence benefits for every four pence he pays in, but a socialist member of parliament now maintains that this is not so and that Mr. Lloyd George does not know the finances of his own bill or is deliberately misrepresenting them. The same member recently accuses the chancellor of trying to amend the bill so as to deprive workers of the control of the insurance scheme, which he originally promised them.

In addition to his political critics Mr. Lloyd George has his own difficulties with the doctors, friendly societies, and those who advocate the cause of the maimed and broken lives which are excluded from the bill. It is therefore not surprising to hear a rumor that he is about to recast his measure upon more generous lines, so much so, it is said, that his political appointments, the unionists, are planning to forestall him by the introducing an alternative bill of their own with all the defects of the government scheme left out—not out of any sudden love of the workingman, but as a bait for his vote at the next elections.

#### Mark Twain's Courier.

Joseph Verey, the messenger, who was Mark Twain's courier, and made nine tours with him, has fallen upon evil times, and is now living in London in a Rowton house. He has come down in the world through the loss of savings, which he invested in an incandescent mantle business. His last engagement of any length, the "Star" states, was when he was employed at the royal palace, Madrid, to hatch pheasants for King Alfonso. He left London with an English gamekeeper and 2,000 pheasants' eggs, and in the Casa Real Del Campo, at the rear of the royal palace in Madrid, Verey and the gamekeeper hatched out the eggs with Spanish hens.

King Alfonso and the queen mother one day visited the hatching place and talked to Verey about his travels, and he told them stories of Mark Twain which kept their majesties and the ladies of the court in constant laughter. Verey was also able to inform the queen mother that he had paid homage before three popes.

When the engagement at the royal palace was finished Verey had to return to London. But, apart from the possession of a testimonial written on parchment in Spanish and bearing the seals and coats of arms of Spain, he had nothing very substantial to show for his foreign trip. Verey has, of course, an endless store of "recollections" of Mark Twain. Giving a few of these to a newspaper representative yesterday the famous courier said: "Mr. Clemens hardly ever talked to anyone. Once I traveled from Cologne to Dresden with him, and he only spoke about two words to me. What I was instructed to do was to engage the other people in the compartment in conversation, and ask them about everything. Mr. Clemens used to sit and listen. "He must have had a wonderful memory. He used to go to museum for hours. He would not say a word, but he would listen while I asked questions and engaged people in conversation."

"I never heard him make a joke, not even with his own family. He never made one with me. The nearest approach that he got to one was in a letter to me about the uncertainty of his plans. He wrote 'It is as bad as prophets.' " "He was a great listener. He would take it all in, and never say a word himself.

Mark and Verey understood one another thoroughly. Mark "discovered" Verey in Paris through the hall porter at the Hotel Normandy, who gave such a glowing account of Verey that Mark determined to have him. "George, I must have this Verey," he said. George could not leave his post to go and find him, so Mark said he would put on George's apron and look after the door.

Verey remained Mark Twain's courier for many years.

#### Cross Ocean in Two Days.

Mr. John A. Corry, a Leeds shoemaker, who recently forsook the last for the study of aviation and gave a successful demonstration with his aerial torpedo, worked by wireless apparatus, has now turned his attention to propulsion, and asserts that by means of an invention, the secret of which he is not yet prepared to divulge, it will be possible for our big Atlantic liners to go from Liverpool to New York in under two days—considerable less than half the time now occupied by the Mauretania.

Mr. Corry has the utmost confidence in his discovery, upon which he has been working almost day and night for the last six months, and he claims that the experiments conducted at home with a little model have been eminently successful. I am determined now," he declared today, "to place my patent before some large shipbuilding firm, or even before the admiralty itself, and for an adequate remuneration to show how the whole method of propulsion can be revolutionized."

#### Education of Messengers.

About 2,600 boy messengers engaged in the postal service of London can now receive at cost government instruction in a number of subjects selected to fit them for better positions in the department.

The scheme came into effect this week, and the session will continue until next May. Classes will be held during the same period every year. Each boy messenger in London will be able to receive, either in a public school or at special classes, conducted in some instances, on postoffice premises, four hours' tutoring per week. An elaborate system has been drawn up dividing London into about thirty centres, and comprising arrangements for attendance at the classes prescribed for each centre of all the lads who are, for the purpose of their present proposals, attached to the centre. The total hours of attendance for work, education and drill will not exceed fifty-four per week. Thus there will be ample opportunity for ambitious and eager youths to supplement their class instruction by home study. The boys will be required to enter the examination at the age of sixteen and one-quarter years. Those who pass will, as far as possible, be awarded positions as letter carriers.

## ENGLISH BOY'S ESCAPE FROM TIGER'S JAWS

Calcutta, Oct. 14.—Leo Lyons, an English boy, has had a miraculous escape from death in a tiger's jaws, according to a story from Ragoon Burma.

He, with two friends was out after deer at a village several miles from Knawbi Railway station, where they met a party of twenty Burmans and Shans, armed with spears and dabs. They asked Lyons to shoot a tiger they had entrapped in the jungle close by. He found the animal had escaped. One of the natives armed with a spear led the way, and as they entered the dense jungle the tiger stepped out in front of them. The guide fell down and then fled to the nearest trees. Lyons fired and hit the animal, which fell, but in a moment sprang up and leaped at him. Although partially disabled with pieces of the chain trap around his neck and his right foreleg broken, the tiger managed to reach the lad and grasped his left leg in his mouth, crushing it badly and at the same time tearing his right knee and thigh with one of his paws. Lyons fell upon the guide who had fainted, and the latter who was just coming round sprang to his feet and staggered away. The tiger's attention was attracted by this and he released his prey and started after the other man. Falling to catch him it entered the jungle. The rest of the party then returned to Lyons and carried him to Thikkyi where his wounds were dressed. Next day he was taken to the general hospital, Ragoon where he is recovering. The tiger was found dead next day in the jungle. It was found that the bullet had penetrated a vital part.

## Unusual Number Broken Romances

London, Oct. 14.—Is 1911 an unlucky year for lovers? The query suggested by the unusual number of society engagements that have been broken off during this year. In the first three weeks of January five shattered romances were recorded in the social columns of the newspapers. After that the epidemic and until September, when it "recrudesced" with increased virulence. There were no fewer than eight of those sinister announcements that "the marriage arranged between — and — will not take place," and people are asking each other what it means. Of course the matches declared "off" concern families of some social distinction, who do not usually mix themselves up in breach of promise cases, so that the reasons for so much blighting of young lives will never be generally known.

Singleton—"And have you told her everything of your past life?" Newly-wed—"Everything? Great Scott! I've only been married two weeks. Give me time."

## INTEREST OF AMERICANS IN FAMOUS CASTLE

London, Oct. 14.—While the famous mantelpieces from Tattershall Castle are being shipped across the Atlantic to their new American owner, the connection of the castle with the early history of America is recalled by the Boston (Lincolnshire) correspondent of the "Times" who writes: "The fact seems to have been overlooked that apart altogether from its English historical association Tattershall castle possesses a peculiar interest for Americans. The castle was one of the county seats of Theophilus Clinton, fourth early of Lincoln, and was a centre meeting for the promoters of the Puritan movement which culminated in the exodus of 1630 and following years and the founding of the Massachusetts settlements. To Tattershall Castle or to Sempringham Manor House, Lord Lincoln's other seat, came for conference John Winthrop from Groton, in Suffolk, Roger Williams and John Cotton the Puritan vicar of the Lincolnshire Boston, after which the American Boston was named. To Tattershall Castle Cotton also used to retire as Lord Lincoln's guest when broken in health under the heavy strain of his ministerial life at Boston church. Though Lord Lincoln himself did not go to North America, two of his sisters did—Susan who was married to John Humphrey, and Arbella the wife of Isaac Johnson who came into Lincolnshire from the neighboring county of Rutland. Thomas Dudley Lord Lincoln's steward and confidential adviser and Simon Bradstreet, who succeeded him in that office—both, like Winthrop, future governors of Massachusetts—were associated with this movement, as were also Richard Bellingham, the recorder of Boston (afterwards the Governor Bellingham drawn by Hawthorne in "The Scarlet Letter"), William Coddington of Alford and of Rhode Island, James Thomas Leverett, an alderman of Boston, and Atherton Rough, mayor of the town in 1628, who resigned office at the same time as their vicar and emigrated to America.

Mummy of Egyptian Queen Found. London, Oct. 14.—The mummy of Queen Nefertiti, wife of King Ramses III and mother of the Pharaohs, has been found in a dusty auction room at Blackburn. Her Majesty's rank and name were recognized by an expert dealer, who rescued her from an ignominious fate. It appears that the royal mummy was stolen from an Egyptian temple by Arabs who stripped away the wrappings to obtain the jewels buried with the queen.

"Drowning men clutch at straws," quoted the Poor Guy. "A floating debt is also a wise preserver," added the Simple Mug.

Nell—"Mr. Closest is awfully mean. They say he never gives his wife anything." Belle—"No, he won't even give her grounds for divorce." Misery doesn't love company on the principle of the more the merrier.

## Coronation of King of Siam Will Rival In Splendour That of Geo. V of England

London, Oct. 14.—The coronation of the new King of Siam, Maha Va Juavohk, according to letters from Bangkok, promises to rival that of George V in splendour. It will last for eight days, and will include religious ceremonies, the public ascension of the throne by the King numerous pageants and processions, dinners to the Siamese Royal family and the State guests, various balls and theatrical performances and the presentation of new colors to the various regions. The whole city will be illuminated very elaborately medals will be struck to commemorate the occasion and a new coinage issued. Probably the celebrations will take place in January, but the exact date depends on the convenience of a number of European royalties who will attend the Dehli Durbar, and who the Siamese hope will take in Bangkok on their way home. It is believed Prince Arthur of Connaught will represent King of England at the Coronation.

## Exorbitant Rents Force Families to Camp in Parks--To Vote Municipal Barracks

Vienna Oct. 14.—Some remarkable incidents in connection with the agitation against exorbitant rents and the riots of Sunday of last week. The lack of housing accommodations has reached an extraordinary pitch and persons with young children are unable to obtain flats at almost any price. A family blessed with several children camped out in the Graben recently and were found cooking their dinner with an oil-lamp on the steps of the police that they intended to spend the night there, as they had been turned out of their lodging on account of their children. The father had in his pocket the quarters rent which he said the landlord had refused. It has now been decided to erect municipal barracks for the shelter of persons able to pay rent but unable to find accommodation. It is proposed to vote \$100,000 for this purpose. Agitation against the dearth of food continues and the railway men have threatened to strike.

## Englishman Killed in Wilds of Nigeria

London, Oct. 14.—The dangers of wild Nigeria to venturesome Englishmen have been grimly illustrated by the murder of Mr. H. P. James, a British Resident Commissioner only 29 years of age, and by the failure of a British punitive expedition sent to avenge his death. A cable message from Lagos states that the avengers have returned hopeless of catching the murderous tribe. They captured only one man implicated in the murder—but he cheated justice by dying of pneumonia. In the bush the punitive expedition found the body of Mr. James and also the remains of three of his native companions. Happily none of the bodies had been mutilated, and the Commissioner himself must have been killed instantaneously, as the base of the skull had been shot away. Another bullet had also gone through the thigh. Mr. James, who was visiting the southern border of the Forcados district, left Forcados in a steel canoe, towed by a steam launch, accompanied by four policemen and twenty beach boys. On the arrival at a town called Kuno, on the waterside, Mr. James asked the headman to accompany him to the next town Adagabirdi. The headman without giving any reason refused. Accordingly, in the afternoon, Mr. James started off in a canoe, followed in another boat by two native chiefs. The interpreter, who barely escaped with his life, reports that he saw the headman, who had refused to accompany the commissioner, going ahead of the party in another canoe. In a few minutes the canoes came along side Adagabirdi, and a number of armed natives were seen to come out from behind their houses. The interpreter stood up in the boat signalling to the people not to shoot, but without the least warning they opened fire at about twenty-five yards range. One of the police was first hit, and fell into the canoe injured, and then one of the beach boys was shot, and fell overboard. "The District Commissioner," says the interpreter, "was next hit on the right ear. He fell on me and I tried to support him when another shot struck him on the right side and he fell off the canoe into the water. "I also fell into the creek and swam under water, and as I came up to the surface for breath the natives fired on me. "By this time the canoe was empty. I saw the second policeman fall into the water." I know a dainty manicure: We are the best of friends. I call her Destiny because She always shapes our ends. It's a good plan to forgive your enemy if he has the drop on you.