

SOCIETY

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China. Refreshments of tea and wafers were served by ladies in costume, and a three-scene play "The Incense Bowl" was given.

From Ghina they went to Korea, at the residence of Mrs. George Johnson, No. 504 North Fourth street. Here they were served with "Kim-chu," the native Korean dish, and a native drink, by ladies in costume, and little Elizabeth Clark sang "Bringing in the Sheaves," in the Korean dialect.

The next stop was at Africa, at the home of Mrs. Morris Caldwell, Cor. Third and Walnut streets. The most enjoyable part of the trip to Africa, was the singing of the Oriental quartet, composed of four colored men, Robert Myers, Lindsey Brown, John Green, and Oliver James. The decorations here were blue and red, many pine burrs and branches were also used, to good effect. They were served with peanuts.

From Africa they set sail for America, and landed at "an American port," at the home of Mrs. T. D. Love, 305 South Second street. Here Uncle Sam and Miss Columbia met the visitors. Boy Scouts took the places of soldiers. A delicious fruit punch was served, and a quartette sang many old-time songs, and Miss Columbia, who was Mrs. Woody, gave several vocal selections.

The affair was a success in every way, and the ladies who were in charge are to be congratulated upon the excellent manner in which it was conducted.

South Carolina News

AIKEN AROUSED.

Feels That New Passenger Fare Rule Is Unjust.

Aiken, S. C., March 9.—Passenger fares on the Augusta-Aiken Railway & Electric Company's trolley lines from Augusta to Aiken, through the Horse Creek Valley, were increased on March 1, from 25 cents to 40 cents, the South Carolina railroad commission having granted the corporation the right to make this increase. As a result there is intense indignation throughout the section traversed by the trolley line, and in Aiken especially, since in the fixing of the zone system the business people of Aiken feel that they have been discriminated against.

Road Building Program.

Columbia, S. C., March 9.—The United States office of public roads has tentatively approved the expenditure of funds in Richland, Spartanburg, Greenville, York, Chesterfield, Union, Chester, Horry, Marion, McCormick, Cherokee, Bamberg, Pickens, Newberry and Edgefield counties, in amounts ranging from \$48,000 to \$2,500, under a program submitted by the State highway commission. The counties must supplement the Federal funds with a like amount. A statement issued shows that from this year's motor vehicle licenses \$26,002 has been turned into the State treasury.

Conductor Killed.

Chester, S. C., March 9.—Conductor L. A. Fennell, 45 years of age, popularly known as "Gus" Fennell, a native resident of this city until a few years ago, and an employe of the Carolina & Northwestern Railway for approximately 20 years, was instantly killed on that road Wednesday night at Gastonia, N. C., when a number of heavily loaded run-away freight cars crashed into the caboose of a northbound Carolina & Northwestern freight, which was on the eve of departing.

Soldier Sentenced.

Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., Mar. 9.—Private Roy E. Vaughn, Company B, One Hundred and Eighteenth Infantry, from Anderson, has been convicted by a general courtmartial of being absent without leave, having attempted to cash a forged check and of presenting a simulated pass and has been sentenced to confinement at hard labor for three years in the disciplinary barracks at Fort Jay, New York, forfeiting all pay and allowances for the period and dishonorable discharge from the service on completion of the term.

Indian Agent.

Columbia, S. C., March 9.—Governor Manning has reappointed O. K. Williams, of Rock Hill, Indian agent for South Carolina.

GERMANY AND AUSTRIA ARE THROWING BRICKS

Relations Between the Two Powers Not Improved by Strike

New York, March 9.—Relations between Austria-Hungary and Germany have not been improved by the recent strike movement in Austria-Hungary and by the various editorials and speeches explaining the strike as a protest against the annexationist propaganda of the Pan-Germans, as is shown by the comments in the German press in the latter part of January. Newspapers, such as the Cologne Gazette, resent the attitude of the Viennese and lament the utterances they made, declaring that the cause of peace was not served by them.

A significant feature in the German comment is the fact that a discussion has been precipitated as to which of the two countries has rendered the greater service to the other during the war.

The Berliner Tageblatt of January 25 says there are many people in Germany who claim that the peoples of Austria-Hungary seem to forget easily what the German nation and army have done for them. These persons, the Berlin paper says, are the same classes who by their attitude, have injured Germany so immensely in the eyes of the world and have alienated cordial friendships.

They are also to be thanked for the fact that the almost excessive sympathy with which everything German was viewed in Austria by the first year of the war has not been retained in its unalloyed purity.

But the people of Austria, says the Berlin paper, cannot forget that in their liberated territories, extending from Bukovina and the snow-covered Carpathians to the southern borders, there rests besides their own sons thousands of German men and youths.

The Tageblatt then proceeds to explain that the German government follows no annexationist scheme and that any misunderstandings were caused by the German proposals at the Brest-Litovsk conference regarding the future of Poland, Lithuania, Courland, Livonia and Estonia.

The Second naval district baseball team, otherwise the Newport Middie, has booked a game with the New York Giants to be played at Newport on May 5.

If a boxer does any stalling when he performs in Toledo his pay check is canceled right then and there. It's so that a boxer has to fight for his money.

Take Pasteur Treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rivenbark, Mr. C. N. Bossie, Mr. Frank Robinson and son, Graham, and two other children, all of Wilmington, left last night for Raleigh to take the Pasteur treatment. All of these people were bitten by a dog several days ago, which examination at the laboratory of the State Bureau of Health showed had been afflicted with the rabies.

Dr. Wells Off.

Rev. Dr. John M. Wells, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, left last night for a trip to Washington, Philadelphia, and Atlantic City, on business connected with his work as moderator of the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church. He will attend the meetings of the conference committees of the Northern and Southern Presbyterian churches, at Atlantic City, and at Philadelphia he will attend the meetings of the Council of Reformed Churches in America.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. L. Nobles, of Chadbourn, spent yesterday in Wilmington.

Mr. A. G. Marshall, of Chadbourn, was here Friday on business.

Dr. George Clarke, and Mr. J. H. Page, of Clarkton, were in the city yesterday on business.

Mr. J. C. Graham, who belongs to the Reserves here, is spending the week-end with his parents at Lake City, S. C.

Mr. D. L. Milligan passed through Wilmington Friday, en route to his home at Loris, S. C., after a business trip to Elizabeth City.

Friends of Lieut. Harris P. Alderman will be glad to know that word has been received, by relatives in this city, of his safe arrival in France.

Mr. Nick Fountain, of Catherine Lake, was a visitor here yesterday, leaving in the afternoon for Camp Jackson to visit his son, Mr. R. R. Fountain, who belongs to Battery C, 316 F. A.

General W. F. Hayworth left last night for Washington, having been unexpectedly transferred from Fort Caswell to the chief signal department of the aviation corps. It was stated that the transfer was made without the usual rigid examination, and this is considered a distinction.

How to Grow

SPINACH.

Spinach thrives in a rather cool climate and attains its best development in the middle South where it can be grown in the open ground during the winter. Farther North it is necessary to protect the plants during the winter with a mulch of straw or leaves.

To produce good spinach a rich loam which will give the plants a quick growth is required. Fall planting is to be recommended wherever this is possible, as the fall-planted spinach is not as much inclined to go to seed as that planted in the spring. One ounce of seed is sufficient for a 100-foot row, and this crop may be sown in drills about 1 foot apart.

Spinach is an easily grown garden crop, and there is perhaps no other of its kind that will give as good satisfaction. In gathering spinach the entire plant is removed rather than merely cutting off the leaves. The larger plants are selected first, and the smaller ones are thus given a chance to develop.—U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Bees as Despatch Bearers.

Washington, D. C., March 9.—That the ordinary bee may supplant the dog and the carrier pigeon as a despatch in the war zone is regarded as a possibility of the near future. It is well known that experiments to this end have been carried on in England and it is said that the matter has also received consideration from officials of our own War Department.

Princeton Interscholastic Meet.

New York, March 9.—What promises to be the largest interscholastic track and field meet of the season in this section is to be staged tonight in the Twenty-second Regiment Armory. The competitions will be conducted under the auspices of Princeton University and the proceeds will be given to the Princeton ambulance corps now in France.

OH, THOSE CHICKENS!
(By George Baldwin.)
Plant gardens, plant gardens, the food men say,
Plant gardens if you would eat,
And the story one hears most every day.
Is the shortage of flour and meat,
So I slave yes I slave every moment I can;
I dig I rake and I hoe,
And I follow the rules of the government plan
To plant and make things grow.

I work all day for my daily bread,
Then hurry back home at night;
And gardening go, till I go to bed
To rest till the morning light.
And I dream, yes I dream, of a rich reward,
That's mine in the days to come,
When I gather the crops from my small back yard,
The pride of my little home.

I rise each morning at break of day,
And at it again I go,
I slave, I slave, in the same old way,
Things grow,
Match, with vigour,
Beans,

Miss Marion St. George, of Southport, who has been visiting friends here, has returned home.

Master James Rolly Lee is spending the week-end with his aunt, Mrs. Applewhite, at New Berlin.

Mrs. Charles E. Watts has returned to her home at Southport after a visit with friends in the city.

Miss Zonnie Potter, of Acme, returned home yesterday, after a pleasant stay with relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Johnson left last night for Norfolk Va., to spend the week-end with friends.

Miss Adeline Keith left yesterday afternoon for New Bern to visit her brother, Mr. B. F. Keith, Jr.

Mrs. Walter Cassidy, of Richmond Va., who is visiting relatives at Acme, spent yesterday in Wilmington.

Mrs. H. A. Robertson of Southport, left yesterday for Greer, S. C., to visit her mother, Mrs. W. M. Watson.

Mrs. S. R. Freeborn, of Jacksonville, returned home, after a pleasant visit with Mrs. M. L. DeRonde, No. 1007 market street.

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MEN'S AND BOYS'

Spring Suits

We just unpacked a shipment of Spring Clothes a minute or two ago, and they're just about the nobbiest looking suits we have ever had the good fortune to see.

Fact of the matter is, we bought one ourselves—so you see how they hit us. Better drop in today and get yours.

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Boys' and Men's Dept

Belk-Williams Co.

MAIN FLOOR



PORTO RICAN CANE LABORERS STRIKE

San Juan, Porto Rico, March 9.—Ten thousand cane field laborers in the eastern end of the island are on strike, causing the closing down of three sugar centrals. The men declare they are tired of waiting for action by the labor officials at Washington which would determine whether a general strike would be called.

Reports from Porto Rico as long ago as last December indicated the possibility of a general strike of between 50,000 and 60,000 laborers in the Porto Rican sugar industry because of dissatisfaction among the laborers over hours and wages. They asked an increase of 60 cents a day over the rate paid last year and appeals for assistance were sent to Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and to Secretary of Labor Wilson. The presence in Porto Rico of a mediator of the Department of Labor for investigation purposes was reported in a San Juan dispatch of February 14.

The most violent baggage handlers in America. It contained a circular of a Holy Land lecturer.

With the title free and clear, Dr. Kuebler, with no show of enthusiasm, had the trunk removed to the nearest open lot.

Head of Salvation Army, London, March 9.—General Bramwell Booth had a birthday anniversary this week—his sixty-second—and the occasion has served to call into prominent stories of the world head of the Salvation Army, who at present is deeply immersed in war relief work. Not by any means a born organizer, General Booth leaves the general management of Salvation Army affairs to others; but he himself does the work far more important—the getting right home into people's hearts, and the keynote of his phenomenal success is his simplicity. Without a trace of self-consciousness, he will greet a peasant in exactly the same way as the humblest of his followers.

Dentist Accused of Wife Murder. Richmond, Va., March 9.—Much interest is manifested in the coming trial of Dr. Lemuel J. Johnson, a dentist of Middlesex, N. C., under indictment for the alleged murder here last December of his bride, Mrs. Alice Knight Johnson. The trial is scheduled to begin here next Monday. The State charges that a fatal poison taken by Mrs. Johnson, under the impression that it was an ordinary medicinal preparation was administered by her husband with criminal intent.

Johnny Papke a brother of Bill Papke, the former champion, has entered the boxing game in the West. John is a lightie and is said to possess the true Papke pep.

MARCH 1st.

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