

MANUFACTURERS CLUB WRITING

Secretary of the Manufacturers Club has written to the Merchants Marine League of the United States a letter in which he asks that it do all in its power to help develop a Merchant Marine service by the United States and that it could be done as a transport in time of war—present trip to Pacific Ocean which is necessitating the aid of a fleet of foreign coal carriers is illustrating the need of the country.

The Merchants Marine League of the United States is concerned about the "tramps" of the navy in the matter of transports to take munitions and supplies along with a naval fleet, one going to the Pacific. The league points out that for the proposed trip from the Atlantic to the Pacific around the cape the government has made arrangements to have foreign tramp ships serve as transports for coal, supplies and munitions for the fleet on its long voyage. In case of war, of course, the foreign vessels could not serve the United States, and therefore, a great trip of the fleet made in times of peace with foreign vessels hired for transports would be a very different thing in times of war, when such foreign tramp vessels could not be hired. The secretary of the Merchants Marine League has written to the Manufacturers Club in this city, inviting the attention of the club to the matter and asking co-operation in the development of a merchant marine that could handle American commerce in times of peace and the American flag, and that could be used for transports in time of war. The letter to the Manufacturers Club is as follows:

LETTER TO THE CLUB

The alarming weakness of our merchant marine in ocean trade is again borne home on the country by the fact which has just been discovered that our battleship fleet on its cruises to the Pacific ocean will have to be accompanied and supplied by foreign "tramps," because there are not enough American steam colliers available.

Every ton of the 133,000 tons of coal that will have to be put into the bunkers of the battleships between Hampton Roads and San Francisco will be carried in ships under the flags of foreign governments. Now this can be done in time of peace; it could not be done in time of war. Then we could no more borrow foreign crafts to carry our navy guns than we could borrow foreign crews to man our battleships. Therefore, this battleship voyage to the Pacific is being conducted under false pretences and is a demonstration of the feebleness and unpreparedness and not of the actual maritime strength of the United States.

If war should break out while Admiral Evans' fleet was far down the coast of South America, these foreign colliers, relied on to supply the fleet, would scuttle and run to the ends of the earth, leaving our navy with its coal burnt out, as idle and useless as so many painted ships upon a painted ocean. They could not return to their voyage to the Pacific nor return to the Atlantic ports of the United States, and any foe would have both of our coasts at its mercy.

Such a condition as this is at once a disgrace and a peril to America. It all comes out of the blind and persistent neglect of our shipping in times of peace. It has forgotten this one. Nor is the government itself the only sufferer. Every manufacturer, every merchant, every farmer who has anything to sell abroad is directly, personally injured by such facts as the collapse last spring of the one American steamship line to Australia. It was not used an adequate mail subsidy, or the downfall of the steamship line from Puget sound to Japan, China and the Philippines. So irregular and inefficient is our steam communication with South America, as monopolized by foreign flags, that the "freestone" department has been found to distrust that the United States mails, instead of being entrusted to these slow foreign "tramps" should be sent to South Brazil and Argentina via Europe.

QUESTION TO COME UP

These are all facts which have developed since a partisan filibuster in the Senate killed the American shipping bill last March, though the House had passed it and there was a majority for the measure in the Senate of almost two to one. Now this question of American shipping is bound to come up again in the next Congress more sharply and imperatively than ever. It is bound to be one of the great questions before the country in the coming session. Are you and your associates active in its importance? The Merchants Marine League of the United States urges you to devote a special meeting to this question, or have it discussed at your annual meeting, or banquet inviting to address you some prominent man who understands the question and has upon it with authority and enlightenment. Will you do this?

The question of the American merchant marine is eminently both one of patriotism and one of business. As President Roosevelt has said in a message to Congress: "Establishing it is established to the principal countries with which we have dealings, would be of political as well as commercial benefit. From every standpoint it is unwise for the United States to continue to rely upon the ships of competing nations for the distribution of our goods. It should be made advantageous to carry American goods in American-built ships."

Yours very truly,
JOHN A. PENTON, Secretary.

Fire in Cotton on Wagon

Fire was discovered among five bales of cotton on a wagon yesterday to the Highland Park Mills yesterday morning on North Broadway street. The burning bales were rolled off the wagon and a hose from the Birmingham Mill was turned on them. The fire was thus extinguished with the loss of only about \$10 or \$15. The flames were confined to the outside of the bales.

Police Station Lodgers

Broomfield Evans, colored, was nabbed last night by Depot Police-man Sikes for driving a hack without license. He was later released on bond to appear at court this morning. John Miller, colored, was locked up on the charge of committing an assault on Lee Carson. Miller's alleged offense is vengeance. They will have a hearing this morning, after a night spent in close proximity to the police station stove.

Gymnasium Rally at Y. W. C. A. Tonight

There will be a gymnasium rally at the Young Women's Christian Association rooms to-night from 8 to 9:30 for the purpose of organizing a class. Miss Caroline Critchett, physical director at the Presbyterian College, has been engaged as instructor and will be glad to meet any who may wish to attend.

THE LESSON FOR SUNDAY

PLEASANT FIELDS OF HOLY WRIT

THE INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON.

Fourth Quarter, Lesson VII, Judges vii, 5-22, November 11, 1907.

GIDEON AND HIS THREE HUNDRED.

The Hebrew Church had a catechism experience as well as the Christian Church. The sense of oppression of the Midianites drove them to the device of carving grotesque, dimly lit, with "air-holes like windows."

The Christian Church was ground beneath the earth by the iron heel of Roman despotism and that without cause. But the Hebrew Church richly deserved its affliction because of its black apostasy. It was following greedily in the way of Baal. The generation which had seen the did deliverance of Deborah and Barak was still alive. But these lustrious characters and their valorous deeds were already forgotten, and the land was full of altars to the Sun-God and the wanton groves of his voluptuous consort, the Star-Queen.

At length, after seven years, the apostate Hebrews grew weary of raising harvests only to see them ruthlessly burned or trampled by the enemy. These cities in mountain dens sighed for their happy homes in the luxurious valleys. Their hearts were broken at sight of their sons slain and their daughters meeting a worse fate. They cry, "Enough! to Jehovah's punitive providence. Instantly Jehovah prepared for their deliverance."

Gideon, the son of Joash, is engaged in the homely task of threshing wheat. No moonshiner ever saw him still more clandestinely. He has strawn a few sheaves in the stone vat beneath the wine-press; and there, entirely hidden from view, as he is as possible, with a hoop-pole perchance, he is whipping away a few measures of grain. The persistence and inventiveness of the man mark him as one well qualified to outfit even a wily foe.

Sarcasm was matter of heredity with Gideon. He felt no awe of the Lord, or I would not be threshing wheat in a wine-press. "Is matched by his father's 'If Baal be a god, let him contend for himself with the one who has cast down his altar.'"

Gideon was a thoroughly self-deprecating as Moses. He deemed himself the least member of an insignificant house, and deprecatingly cried: "Wherewith shall I save Israel?"

Religion as well as charity begins at home. Gideon's father, the swarming Midianites, he coveted their tokens; and the signs of the fleece, wet and dry, were given to him. In the Midianite soldier's dream of the contest, he saw a torch, and setting the camp, and his comrade's comment upon it, both of which Gideon was permitted to hear as he reconnoitered the enemy by night, he was further encouraged in his extremely exacting task.

Now came the double sifting of the petty army of Israel, already so inadequate. The process reduced thirty-two regiments to three companies. This paltry band had a ridiculous armament—each a sword, a torch, and a horn. But under Gideon's artful manipulation these strange weapons were invincible. The flaring torch suddenly uncovered, the inextinguishable sound of the crashing pottery, the trumpet blast and the utterance of those awe-inspiring names of Jehovah and his captain, Gideon—it is enough! Three companies throw one hundred and twenty regiments into complete panic. Each disarms himself of his wily foe. The remnants of that proud army, broken and wrecked, are hotly pursued. Israel's deliverance is complete. With bowed heads the confession is devoutly made that the arm of "the Lord hath done it."

ANALYSIS AND KEY.

1. Catechism experience of Hebrews and Christian Church.
2. Contract and Analogy.
3. Hebrews brought to Repentance.
4. Deliverance and Deliverer Prepared.
5. Personal History of Gideon.
6. Traits and Characteristics.
7. Domestic Reformation.
8. Signs and sign-seeking.
9. Sifting of an Army.
10. Strange Weapons.
11. Victory.

THE TEACHER'S LANTERN.

The junkshops and stables of a back street in York could not hide Theophilus Mathew when Providence wished to make an apostle of temperance out of him. The Lord's best workmen often come from most unlikely environments. Gideon was the least member of the least family of Israel, and he was found in the vat of a wine-press.

The ideal reformer begins by reforming himself. He must first make kindlingwood out of his own dearest idol. The road to the Kingdom of God is paved with the ruins of the minister's own Baal.

The real Church is still "a little flock." Its movements are much impeded by the members who are with it, but not of it. Some vigilance should enable the Church to rid herself more readily of non-attending, non-contributing, nominalists. The conviction deepens that we would be more efficient if we were not so numerous.

Providence permitted Gideon to hear what an enemy thought of him. It put a new heart in him. Would the modern ministry be equally encouraged if it could overhear the talk of the world's camp?

Gideon's conscious inadequacy made him lean hard upon an Almighty Arm. The minister who can go into the pulpit without a tremor ought not to go at all. The transcendent importance of delivering messages from the Lord, whether as preacher or layman, ought to fill the soul with awe.

How gentle Jehovah was with his timorous servants! He neither broke nor quenched him, but gave sign after sign.

The end crowns the work. The instruments may be contemptible, but the heart is against him, and the multitude out of sleep-bells and tumbrels yesterday. Who was that violinist who held an audience entranced with one strain of his violin when the others snarled? It matters very

WEDDING

Miss Mary Moore, of Charlotte, and Miss Mary Lee, of Charlotte, were married yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Alexander, Rev. Mr. Reddick, pastor of the Baptist church of Gastonia, officiated. There were no attendants, with the exception of the fact that the children who compose the Sunday school class of the bride were lined up after a clever scheme on either side of the line of march to the improvised altar. The bride and groom entered the room to the sweet notes of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" played by Prof. W. Harvey Overcash of Charlotte.

After the marriage Mr. and Mrs. Moore came to Charlotte on a late afternoon train and went from here last night to the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. Martha Moore, in this county on Lawyer's Road.

Among those who attended the wedding from Charlotte were Messrs. W. B. McClintock, C. R. McGinn, W. B. Huntington and W. H. Overcash.

The bride is one of the most beautiful and popular of Gastonia's young ladies, while Mr. Moore, who is a member of the firm of Sheiler & Company, clothiers, is one of the youngest men in the county, possessing unusual industry and ability. He is a brother of Messrs. W. M. Moore and D. C. Moore, of this city. After December 1st, the bride and groom will make their home with Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Moore at their residence on North Broadway street.

ENGINEERS INVITED.

Invitation to Affiliate is Tendersed Engineering Association of the Carolinas by Engineering Association of the South.

At a recent meeting of the Engineering Society for the Carolinas a matter was brought up for discussion which should be of great interest to local engineers.

Under the order of new business the secretary read a letter from the Engineering Association of the South, inviting the advantages of this large organization and extending an invitation to join them as a body. The Engineering Association of the South, with headquarters at Nashville, Tenn., has a membership of 300 and has local chapters in Atlanta and Birmingham. There is no doubt that an affiliation with them as a Charlotte section would be greatly beneficial in many respects.

It was decided to submit the proposition by letter to each member of the Society for the Carolinas for final consideration. The Engineering Society of the Carolinas was organized in the summer of 1878 and now has a membership of 45, 30 per cent of whom make Charlotte their home.

The Russell-Seahorn Marriage Took Place Last Night.

Mr. Reuben Russell and Miss Bessie Seahorn were married last night at the home of the bride at 8:30 o'clock by Rev. Martin D. Haxlin. The attendants were: Miss Lelia Seahorn and Mr. Otis Springs, Miss Mary Hicks and Mr. C. C. Gray. The bride wore white liberty tulle and carried a bouquet of bride's roses and maiden ferns. The maid of honor was gown in lavender mull and carried white chrysanthemums. Mrs. A. L. Nell played the wedding march.

The out-of-town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Seahorn and Mr. C. D. McEachern, of Concord; Mr. A. D. Williams, of Norfolk, Va.; Mr. A. C. Russell, of Providence, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Seahorn, of Hickory.

The couple and their bridal party go to Matthews to-day for their bridal wedding dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Black. A supper will be given by the father of the groom, Mr. A. C. Russell, of Providence.

Entertainment at Tryon Street Church To-Night.

"The Splinters Return," to be given at the Tryon Street M. E. Sunday school room to-night at 8:30 o'clock bids fair to be one of the best and most laughable entertainments given in that church.

The costumes are of ante-bellum style, and hoop-skirts and pantalettes will be much in evidence. The orchestra will be under the auspices of the amusement and pleasure of the evening, as each instrument will be provided with a musical instrument of some kind.

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Mr. W. L. Mitchell Pardoned.

The people of Providence and Pineville townships have been very much interested in the case of W. L. Mitchell, a white man who submitted on charge of kidnapping and was sentenced to the chain-gang for seven years by Judge Shaw in 1903. The limit of the law was given to the fellow after he had submitted without employing a lawyer or making a fight, and barring this one crime he bore a good reputation. Those who knew him have been trying to get him pardoned and Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick and others succeeded in getting Governor Glenn to pardon him a few days ago.

Week of Prayer Continues at Y. W. C. A.

Yesterday at 1 o'clock Miss Anna Twelvetree led the 15-minute service that is being held at the association rooms each day this week. To-day Mrs. Maria D. Hardin will lead at the same hour and the subject will be "Watchfulness in Society." These little services have become very precious to those who attend and it is hoped that many more will come in at this hour during the rest of the week.

Mr. Bush is Doing Well.

Mr. Ernest Bush, who for years lived in this State, at Morganton, Charlotte and Wilmington, is now at Harbor, Pa., where he is manager of the Ellenboro Nursery, which has two fine green houses that cost \$5,000 each, one of which contains 10,000 American Beauties and the other 10,000 carnations. The roses will be sold in Pennsylvania and the carnations to wholesale dealers in North Carolina. Mr. Bush has a beautiful place and is doing well.

Returning Reason.

New York Evening Post.

Tuesday's electoral results, falling together with the political world, seem to us to promise a period of more rational politics. The explosive and clamorous politicians have been pretty thoroughly repudiated. What is left is under a large-sized extinguisher. Bryan cannot get any possible cheer out of the election returns; his own state went against him, and the lieutenant in Massachusetts made a magnificent wreck of a great party opportunity. Even the President is sobered. His political astuteness, nothing less, may now be counted upon to lead him to come out as the most cautious and shrewdest of statesmen.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

All advertisements inserted in this column at rate of ten cents per line of six words. No ad. taken for less than 20 cents. Cash in advance.

WANTED

WANTED—For U. S. Army, able-bodied, unmarried men between ages of 18 and 35, citizens of United States, of good character and temperate habits, who can speak, read and write English. Men wanted now for service in Cuba. For information apply to Recruiting Officer, 15 West Trade St., Charlotte, N. C. 25% South Main St., Asheville, N. C. Bank Building, Hickory, N. C.; 417 1/2 Liberty St., Winston-Salem, N. C.; 12th North Main St., Salisbury, N. C.; Kanawha Building, Columbia, S. C.; Haynesworth and Conyer's Building, Greenville, S. C.; or Glenn Building, Spartanburg, S. C.

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WANTED—Ambitious, energetic young man of correct habits, for office position. State age and salary expected at start. Address "W," care Observer.

WANTED—Position as stenographer. Have had some training, but need experience. Can give good reference. Address "M. A. C.," care Observer.

WANTED—To purchase a well-broken pointer; must be good retriever; state lowest price, etc., to P. O. Box 1, R. F. D. No. 1, Barber, N. C.

WANTED—More customers to buy their cigars at the Central Hotel Clear Store. Now operated by H. S. Michael, of Tampa, Fla.

WANTED—New court house, Shelby, N. C. Contract for four brick layers, 25¢ per hour. Falls City Construction Co., Shelby, N. C.

WANTED—Position by drug clerk, 5 years' experience; best of references. Address "Menthol," care Observer.

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WANTED—By refined lady, an unfurnished room in good family. "E. P.," care Observer.

EFFECT OF UNJUST ATTACKS.

Cartoonist Davenport and the Success of Men Assailed by Him a Case in Point.

Tae, Marion, Ohio, Stor thinks Homer Davenport, the cartoonist has the unique record of electing more men to office than any other cartoonist in the country, his method being unique in that he elects men by opposing them. The Star adds that on the "notable list of men he has helped to elect will be found the name of the late President McKinley, the late Senator Hanna, Mayor McClellan, of New York; Mayor Bush, of Chicago, and, lately, Mayor Johnson, of Cleveland. And the explanation is, possibly, that while many cartoonists show in a pleasant way the faults and follies of the candidates they oppose, they do it in a kindly, humorous way, while Davenport's political drawings generally show bitterness.

There is something to ponder over in the case of Davenport. The man appears to be utterly indifferent to the sensibilities of those he is paid to abuse. It matters nothing how clean their hands, if Davenport gets the job, he holds them up as monstrous creatures.

As in the case of Davenport so it is in every instance where for advantage of any kind a man is persecuted by his enemies. Not only the American but men generally have a fair deal of the same quality. They are usually found on his side. Where one person has been injured by unfair criticism thousands have been helped.

How Destructive Politicians Might Be Deported.

Greensboro Industrial News.

Noting how a wise old Missesippi had been quoted as declaring that "if all the negroes were killed off and all the railroads stopped running the politicians would be out of jobs in the state," The Charlotte Observer remarks that while the negro is enjoying a well-earned rest almost everywhere except in Mississippi, the latter half of this remark contains about

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The committee will meet in the parlor of the Benbow House, Greensboro, N. C., at 8 p. m. November 15th, 1907. Propositions of donations of sites or cash or both may be made at any time prior to the above date to any member of the committee, which is composed as follows: J. F. Cook, chairman, Concord; Dr. H. A. Royter, secretary, Raleigh; Caesar Cone, Greensboro; J. H. Tucker, Asheville, and Mrs. A. L. Coble, Statesville.

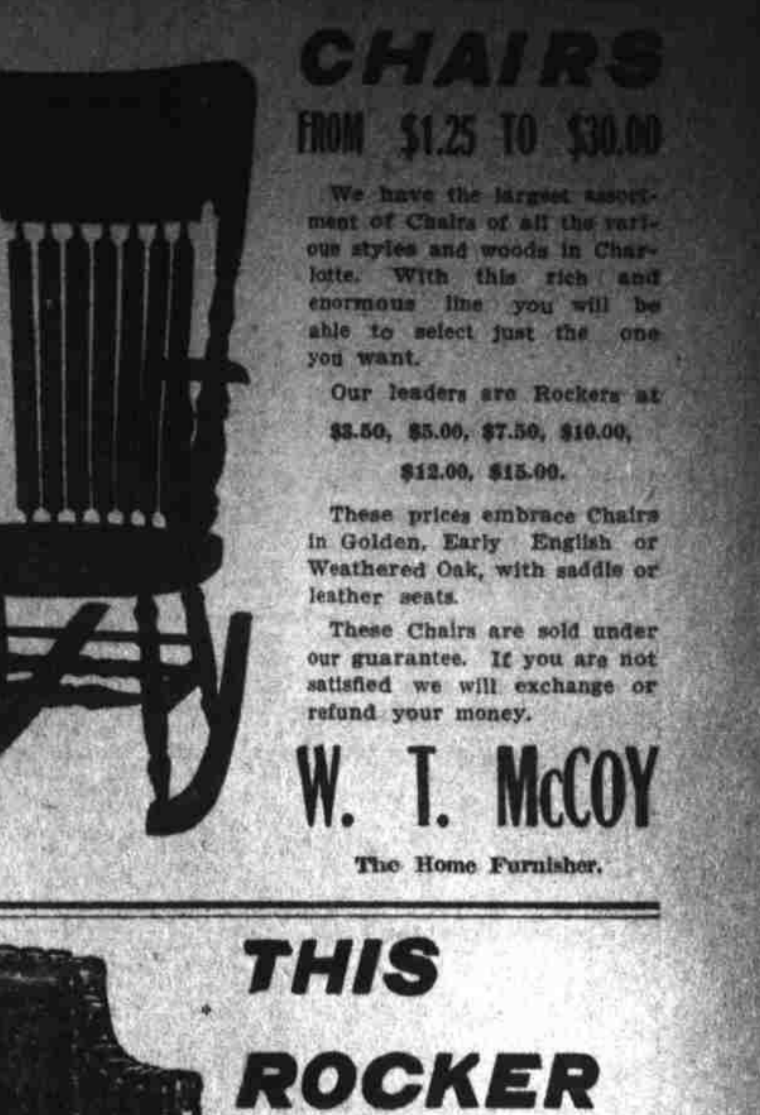
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