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## Saturday, March 20, 1915.

CANNERY SLAVERY.

A few years ago some "wickedly radical muckrakers" began to look into the conditions of labor in the New York canneries where women and children are employed long hours in the summer. Their discoveries were more horrifying than anything uncovered in the country, with the possible exception of the glass works where children work all night.

Families were lured into the cannery districts by smooth-tongues agents who promised "free lodgings with fresh country air for the children." The free lodgings were in most eases in such condition as to be unprintable. The country air was polluted to an extent undreamed-of in crowded cities. Decency was unknown. The families could not leave because their wages were kept from one to four weeks in arrears, and railway fare deducted.

In the height of the season women worked from \$9 to 100 hours a week, children from 50 to 70. The factory laws did not apply, because the sheds where peas were shelled, beans snipped and other vegetables prepared were separated-sometimes by as much as 17 inches-from the buildings housing the machinery.

Following the muckrakers, the State as a result of this a law was passed when he opens a can of peas.

Senator George F. Thompson has now fathered a measure to undo this the law. He claims that in the height of challenge that statement, I am ready the canning season women and minors must be allowed to work nights and North Carolina mountains in raising Sundays, or the vegetables will spoil.

Every housewife knows that there is a grain of truth in this. There is always but a brief season when materials are at their best.

But most women, one ventures to added to the cost of a can of tomatoes for the sake of human life and happiness.

The bills proposed by Senator to late tomatoes, a hundred hours a day of proper length.

Is a woman's health of less value than a bushel of tomatoes? Do you

## A NEW RUSSIAN TREATY.

It is gratifying to learn that the American ambassador at Petrograd is busy with the preliminary negotia- Asheville, N. C., March 18, 1915. tions for a new Russian treaty. Since the last treaty was abrogated by the United States during President Taft's though our relations have remained

It is always desirable to have a defi-

is destined to vast expansion. The Editor, there have been enough stan-Russian government has explicitly urged American business men to enter this new field and prepare for the future harvest.

It should be easy now to make trade arrangements favorable to this coun try. It should be easy, too, to succeed Editor Gazette-News: where we failed seven years ago, enforcing recognition for all our citizens without discrimination, and incidentally winning more tolerance for Russia's Jewish subjects.

#### WE'RE LUCKY.

According to the Berliner Tage blatt, the German supply of eggs is so short that no one is expected to eat more than one egg in five days.

The same paper urges that horses killed or wounded on the batlefield shall be dressed quickly for use as

Austria, with every able-bodied man in the army, is training little childto cards of thanks, obituary notices, dren to raise crops lest the nation political announcements and the like. starve, and has excused from school all between 12 and 14 years old to do their fathers' work in the fields.

Horse flesh in Vienna costs from 10 o 16 cents a pound.

Kerosene in Austria is 80 cents gallen and soft coal \$10 a ton.

Children in Germany have beer 就被被被被的现代的时候就被明明的时间 arged to content themselves with one denial: slice of bread for their supper, instead of two.

There have been bread riots in Turkey, and the inhabitants of the Holy Land are starving.

There are still millions of people in Uncle Sam's bread line in Belgium. In Poland, there is not even a bread

Are you not glad you are an Amer-

#### Defends Mountain Preachers.

(The following communication from Rev. A. E. Brown was prepared before Archdeacon W. B. Allen entered his denial of statements he was reported to have made in Syracuse, N. Y. After Archdeacon Allen's denial was published Rev. Mr. Brown asked that his communication be printed with an addition Editor Gazette-News:

There appeared in your issue of March the 16th a clipping from the Post-Standard, Syracuse, N. Y., in which Archdeacon W. B. Allen is reported to have made some statements which should not go unnoticed, especially since they reflect upon the humble bue consecrated men who have statements from which the reporter carried the gospel into the coves and valleys of this great mountain sec-

len is quoted as saying, "Many of the plea of "confession and avoidance" In the clipping referred to Mr. Alpreachers of the North Carolina better than his general dental. mountains formerly were convicts or noonshires who escaping from prison adopted the clerical role to cover up their tracks from the federal authorities." I challenge Mr. Allen to make good this statement.

I have lived in the mountains of R North Carolina since boyhood. It is 19. not egotism for me to say that I know be Factory Commission, which had al- more preachers in the North Carolina ready investigated rather aimlessly, mountains than any other living man. submitted a long-delayed report, and and I know of no single preacher who would come under the class referred to by Mr. Allen. I have said ERMMENNERSENERS which tends to protect the consumer time and again from the platform, in from taking part in industrial murder the north and in the south, that for plety, consecration and unselfishness I would put the mountain ministry against the ministry of any section of world, If Mr. Allen wishes to to make good.

about \$350,000 for the building and equipping of Christian schools for this section, and in my efforts I have had no warmer supporters than these mountain preachers. These same preachers, few of whom have had advantages of the schools such as they think, would rather have a cent or two are helping to build, have impovererished themselves to erect schools in order that their children and their than to see so reactionary a step taken neighbors' children may have advantages of which they themselves were deprived. It is true that for the most part these mountain preachers are not the products of the schools, but many Thompson will remove all restrictions, of them are mighty in the Scriptures. Women and children may work days, and for unselfish devotion to their nights, and Sunday from early peas calling they are not surpassed by any preachers in the world. This is attested by the fact that there are about | week—earning less per hour, of 36,000 members of Baptist churches course, than they would in a working in the mountain countles of North Carolina, and that no section of our country is better evangelized than the mountain section of North Carolina.

It is unpleasant for me to challenge weigh children's lives by cans of corn? statements of a minister of the gos-pel, especially of another denominabut I would not be true to splendid body of mountain preachers born if I did not challenge Mr. Allen to today. make good his statement.

A. E. BROWN,

Since handing you the above article I have read Rev. Allen's denial which appeared in your issue of the 17th. administration, because of unfair but this denial is too general and Jose treatment by Russia of Jewish American citizens, the two countries have had no written basis of intercourse, ambiguous, He says, "I must positively deny the truthfulness and correctness of certain statements in said article, etc." Now, will Brother Who rectness of certain statements in said article, etc." Now, will Brother Wheeling, W. Va., 71 years ago today. Allen tell us which of the statements in that article he denies the "truth-grees of the Seventh Wisconsin disin that article he denies the "truth-fulness and correctness of?" Will he tell us whether he is denying mak-ago today. nite working arrangement with every ing the statements in the article, the great power, and with the war in most offensive of which is the state- in Congress of the First Illinois dispressed is aspecially dealrable that we ment that many of the mountain trict, born at Darlington, England, preachers were formerly convicts or 60 years ago today.

moonshiners, who having escaped Joseph Boehling, pitcher for the from prison adopted the cierical role Washington American league baseball to cover up their tracks from the feduid come to an understanding with preachers were formerly convicts or At present the commercial side of mir Russian relations is paramount. We are seiling the Crar considerable war uniterial; but that business is, of mourse, merely temporary and of mail account compared with the mildiar are of a permanent commerce. The empire is just beginning its industrial and commercial development, and

mountain people, and I think the time

A. E. BROWN.

Concerning Mr. Allen's Denial.

I note in your issue of Thursday what purports to be a denial Archdeacon W. B. Allen, of certain statements attributed to him in article quoted in your paper from the Syracuse, N. Y., Post-Standard of March 8, relative to the character of the people of western North Carolina.

In that article Archdeacon Allen in his effort to "Give an insight into the home missionary work which is needed in his locality," which, by the way, the article explains, includes Asheville, is quoted as saying among other things:

"The natives of the mountains are tired of the sensational preaching which they have had for many years. meat, and shipped back to Germany, and are turning toward the persons who can supply them of more definite religious food. . . . . . Many of the preachers formerly were convicts or moonshiners, who, escaping from prison, adopted the clerical role cover up their tracks from the federal authorities.

"How far behind the age are most of these people, most of whom can neither read nor write, was illustrated by Archdeacon Allen, who told of one man who did not know the Civil war had ended."

Now, let us look at the archdeacon's

"I must positively deny the truthfulness and correctness of certain statements in the said article (referring to article quoted in The Gazette-News) supposed to have been made by me at a mistonary meeting held in Syracuse, N. Y., on Saturday, March 6, and published in your paper f March 16.,

Now, will the archdeacon kindly inform some of these "natives" just "certain statements" he intends to deny? Was it the statement that the people were improving and lemanding better preaching, or that the preachers are ex-convicts and exmoonshiners? Was it the statement that most of the western North Carolinians could neither read nor write or that one man was found who did not know the Civil war was over?

It is evident to me that Archdeacon Allen thought he might enter a general denial which would, to those reading it here, satisfy all, and at the same time leave things all right in prepared after the denial was N. Y. That was pretty clever, but it does not exactly satisfy all the mountaineers. It is rather unfortunate that this quotation in your paper should have fallen into the hands of some of that minority who have managed to learn to read.

Now, it is evident that Mr. Allen, in an effort to get those good people to 'Shell down," must have given some made this interesting story, while his words may not have been given verbatim. I respectfully suggest that a would serve his purpose in this case Very respectfully,

GUY WEAVER. Asheville, N. C., March 19, 1915.

### A DAILY LESSON IN HISTORY

March 20.

One Hundred Years Ago Today. 1815—Having been informed at day-break of the departure of the But though he craned his nec sumed control of the French newcomer! government.

Seventy-five Years Ago Today.

"Maybe by the time I am through eating," he said to himself," that new revolution and one of the first bird will be hungry and want to eat. New York, died at Sodus, N. Y. Born at Guilford, Ct., February 21, 0764.

Fifty Years Ago Today. -General Stoneman commenced his march from East Tennessee toward Lynchburg, Twenty-five Years Ago Today.

General Jones M. Withers, dis-

tinguished Confederate veteran, died in Mobile. Born in Madison County, Ala., Jan. 12, 1814.

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#### OUR DAILY BIRTH-DAY PARTY

March 20.

## Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president

emeritus of Harvard University, born in Boston, 81 years ago today. Amelia Bingham, popular actress, born at Hicksville, O., 46 years ago

J. Franklin Fort, former governor of New Jersey and now head of a spe-cial diplomatic commission sent to Halti, born at Pemberton, N. J., 63

years ago today.

Benjamin F. Shively, United States senator from Indiana, born in St.

Joseph County, Ind., 58 years ago to-

Right Rev. David H. Greer, Episco trict, born at Norwalk, Wis., 54 years

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## Bed Time Tales

Clara Ingram Judson.

Pete Makes an Acquaintance. Pete was gally singing his regular ready to sing.

morning song, when he heard a strange sound, the like of which he had never heard before. "Now what awful racket and of course Pete in the world can that be?" he asked, thought and puzzled as to who in the but nobody noticed or answered so he went on singing.

But again his song was interrupted with the strange sound and he stopped gave one final look around and began

comer, "Pish-sh-sh! Clank!"

talk!" exclaimed Pete, "he might at such a racket th. the room sounded least tell me who he is. How am I like grand opera fastened to a boiler to know? Well, I'll ask again." So in his politest and sweetest

me! Who are you? Won't you please meet-meet-meet me?" At first there was no answer, then thing to that radiator," the newcomer replied, "better! No! father, "A canary and a

"Clank! Clank!" croaked the new--clank-Clankbother about you? Clankity, clankity, clank!"

know as I care to know him after all. I guess I'll just leave him alone." So he went on with his morning song and thought no more about the rude newcomer.

But the newcomer, whoever he was, determined not to be treated that way tion \$200. -he meant to be heard. So he set up ciamor all his own. He clanked erty in Black Mountain; consideration and he grumbled, he phished and he \$300. sputtered till Pete nad to stop and rest a minute. He pulled off the end of his song

with a jerk and gobbled up a bit of seed by way of comfort, "That's hard working singing against such a strong person as that!" he chirped to him-"That newcomer must be great big bird-he makes such a big

But though he craned his neck and royal family. Napoleon once called and coaxed, not a sight or an more entered Paris and re- answer did he get from the clanky

So he decided to eat his breakfast pioneer preachers in western Then I can sing my song in peace." He ate and drank and then mad

Now all this time, the clanky person, clanked and sputtered and made an world he might be. But he couldn't guess, nor could he see anyone.

When he at last was all ready, he his song. He poured forth such a "Clang! Clank!" croaked the new- loud and lovely song that the room rang with the sound; and right at that "Now isn't that a funny way to very minute the clanky person set up shop!

The father and the mother and all voice, he called, "meet! meet! meet the little children of the house came running to see what the matter could be. "I guess I'll have to do somefather. "A canary and a singing radiator are too much for one room!"
"Think of that!" chirped Pete in

disgust, "nothing but an old radiator 'Dear me but he is a Greadfully, all the time!" And all morning he claimed Pete, pleasantly, "I don't of that! Think of that!"

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