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THE RACE QUESTION

Dodging Remarks in a Negro Convention.

There Were Other Things to Dodge in the Unparliamentary Proceedings—Police Keep the Peace.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The National Suffrage League of Colored Men convened this morning in the Metropolitan Baptist church to discuss the race question and pass resolutions on the subject. After an hour and a half of somewhat unparliamentary debate the police reserves were called out and preserved order until adjournment. The excitement was due to the fact that some of the delegates would pass resolutions endorsing President Roosevelt's attitude on the negro question while others wanted the convention to denounce Booker Washington for his utterance on disfranchisement. There was a mighty warm time for a while.

The convention was supposed to begin at 11 o'clock this morning. Most of the delegates wore frock coats and high hats, and all of them were calm and dignified. When 11 o'clock arrived, however, and it became necessary to appoint a chairman, the delegates laid aside most of their calmness and all of their dignity, and became animated. After some general talk W. Calvin Chase, a Washington editor and lawyer and chairman of the executive committee of the local suffrage league, who stood six feet four, and weighs over two hundred pounds attempted to call the delegates to order and introduce Rev. R. J. Nelson, president of the suffrage league of Pennsylvania, when he was interrupted by Rev. J. W. Scott of this city and a dozen or so of faithful followers. Reverend Scott and his adherents tried to take possession of the floor by other than parliamentary means. Rev. Chase cut his introduction short and with the assistance of his friends turned in to repel boarders. His efforts were successful, and for a few minutes parliamentary practice was resumed while the delegates got their second wind.

Editor Chase had not been in the chair very long, however, before an impatient suffragist attracted his attention by throwing a leather seat cushion at his head, and there was more trouble. Interested spectators who had attended the convention to learn something about the race problem had considerable difficulty in dodging the remarks and other things that were passed merrily back and forth by the delegates, and finally selected the choir gallery as the safest place from which to view the proceedings.

It soon became apparent that Lawyer Chase and the Rev. Scott were the leaders of the two factions in the convention, but as about twenty of their adherents were expressing their views in revival tones simultaneously it was difficult to find out what the trouble was all about. Finally, however, the Rev. Nelson was selected as chairman, and it became known that the Scott faction wanted to pass resolutions endorsing President Roosevelt in his attitude toward the negro race, while the Chase followers were directly opposed. In the go-as-you-please debate some of the delegates charged that the convention had been called at the instance of Booker T. Washington, who they alleged was also desirous of controlling it. A number of the delegates referred slightly to Booker Washington's recent utterances to the effect that disfranchisement in the South placed a premium on intelligence, wealth, character and thrift of the negro, in the endeavor to destroy his influence in the convention. Another faction in the convention intends to petition Congress to enforce the provisions of the fifteenth amendment to the constitution.

It is probable that the convention will divide and that there will be two conventions in session tomorrow—one pro-Booker Washington, one anti-Washington, and with "pro" and "anti" Roosevelt factions within each one.

List of Letters

Remaining in the Lumberton, N. C., postoffice, Dec. 9th, 1903. If not called for in one week, will be sent to the Dead Letter office, Washington, D. C. Parties calling will please say advertised:

Miss Luler Cox, Miss Martha Dean, Mrs. Kefauver, Miss Maile Moore, J. H. McLean, J. F. Parker, Mrs. Victoria Smith, J. J. Sampson, G. A. Wells, Ed. White, R. M. NORMENT, Postmaster.

Helen May Butler Coming.

One of America's foremost attractions, Helen May Butler and her ladies' Military Brass Band, will soon be here. Thanks to special efforts of Mr. French, Lumberton will be favored with a rare musical treat. He has secured Helen May Butler and her Ladies' Military Brass Band of sixteen lady artists. They are to appear at the Opera House, Friday and Saturday Dec. 18 and 19. Prices 50 and 75c. Tickets for sale at S. B. Lewis.

Helen May Butler's Ladies' Military Band at the Opera House Friday and Saturday night is the only band in the world composed entirely of women. This is truly a novelty that appeals to all music loving people. The ladies individually are talented and well trained musicians. The leader is from an old aristocratic New England family. Her father, Mr. Butler, is now master mechanic on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Ry., an inventor of the new devices on the railroads; a thirty-two degree Mason and generally recognized as one of the leading citizens of Providence, R. I.

Miss Butler is a wonderfully versatile performer and as director she has become famous. Her teachers were the best of this country and Europe, among them Bernard Listerman, Henrie Handel, Shephardson and Phillips, and completed her band course under Macy. The seeming impossible lack of organizing a ladies' band was accomplished. The fame of her novel organization spread and Miss Butler was persuaded by the manager of the Buffalo Exposition to accept an engagement with the Exposition company for the entire season.

After lengthy parleying, personal and over the long distance phone, Mr. French induced their agent to sign a contract for two days, Friday and Saturday. The Saturday special is an inducement for people of the factory district. Remember the date, Dec. 18th and 19th.

Curious Business Precaution.

Louis Wormser, brother of Isidor Wormser, of the well known Wall street firm of I. and S. Wormser, says the New York Commercial, died suddenly yesterday morning of heart disease. Mr. Wormser was born Bavaria. He and his two brothers came to this country when young men. It was at the time when the gold excitement was raging in California, and the three went to seek their fortunes there. They engaged in the clothing business in a small way. They were very successful and their business grew rapidly. During the Civil War they made a fortune. Isidor and Simon Wormser branched out and went into banking and real estate. After making another fortune in the banking business, they came to New York and founded the well known Wall street house. The firm of I. & S. Wormser is now one of the most influential private banking houses in the country. There are three members of the firm, and they make it rule never to travel on the same train together. They come down to the office each morning on different elevated trains, and return home in the afternoon on different trains. This is done to guard against the possibility of all three members of the firm being killed in an accident. By traveling on different trains, in the event of an accident, there will be two members left to carry on the business of the firm.

Killed on the Rail.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 14.—Jenkins J. Hooker, of Kiggs, Stokes county, aged 60 years, was killed by a south bound passenger train on the Atlantic and Yadkin Railroad near Germanton at 10:15 today. His body was horribly mangled. The engineer says Hooker was walking near the track when he first saw him, that when the engine was within a few feet of him the man stepped upon the track, making it impossible to stop the train in time to save Hooker's life. No reason is assigned for his strange action. The deceased was a well known farmer. He leaves a wife and several children.

Made a Big Mistake.

The teachings of Prof. Bassett are dangerous and we believe the trustees of Trinity College made a great mistake in retaining him as a member of its faculty. Some of the good Methodist of the State have already declared that they will not permit their sons to be taught history by a man who believes that Booker Washington is the greatest man born in the South in a hundred years, except Robt. E. Lee.—Sanford Express.

Learn to greet your friends with a smile. They carry too many frowns in their own hearts to be bothered with any of yours.

HAS LANDED MARINES

Colombian Troops Are Reported Near Panama.

United States Marines Proceed From Colon Toward Panama—Beginning of Guerrilla War Probably Near.

A press dispatch from Colon, dated December 14th says: A company of marines from U. S. S. Paris was landed here today under the command of Captain Smedley D. Butler and entrained for Panama. This step was in consequence of the receipt of information that Colombian troops had landed in that direction with the object of marching on Panama. If this is confirmed it will mean the beginning of a long campaign of guerrilla warfare on the isthmus. The destination of the marines is said to be Yaviza, up the San Miguel Gulf and Turra River.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The Navy Department today received two cablegrams from Admiral Coghlan, both dated Colon, the 18th, as follows:

"Mayflower today reports Cartagena and Pinzon were at Turbo with about 800 men. Took in some supplies. Sailed 8th and supposed to have landed the troops at Gandi. Atlanta however, was at Gandi 9th and got opposite information and United States Consul Cartagena reports Cartagena returned there 9th. No doubt vessels and troops were at Turbo the 8th, that information reliable. Atlanta returns today to gulf for further search."

The second dispatch reads: "Atlanta arrived yesterday. Started San Blas Point Gandi, not having seen or heard any thing of troops or vessel. Communicated with shore at the principal points Indians suspicious of strangers found trails. San Blas Point Bello passable for small parties but none leading inland. Atlanta leaves today to cruise to Cape Tiburon and Gulf of Darien."

There is no reason to believe that any large force is under orders to march on Panama from Cauca. The opinion seems to prevail that the few Colombian soldiers seen were probably scouts who were endeavoring to learn what preventive and protective measures were being taken by the Republic of Panama.

It is more likely that the movement of marines to Yaviza is in conformity with the policy of the naval authorities to concentrate forces at points which offer the best facilities for getting immediate information of any movement by Colombian troops towards Panama. The marines carried with them all requisites for camp life and also a number of machine guns.

Oklahoma Humor.

A book-agent took refuge under a haystack during a thunder-storm and the lightning struck him on the cheek, and glanced off, and killed a mule a hundred yards away.

We know a young man who attends church regularly and clasps his hands so tight during prayer that he can't get them open when the contribution box comes around.

"How much do you charge for weighing hogs?" asked a gentleman of our hog buyer, Walker Moore. "Oh, just get on, I will weigh you for nothing," was the blind reply.

A young girl named Mary Ann Aldridge had occasion to send a note to a gentleman and put two r's in her first name in the signature, thus: Maffy Ann Aldridge. The man was a bachelor and accepted the proposal at once.

A special from Greensboro to Wilmington Messenger says: The Masses incident in the Baptist Convention in Charlotte Saturday has been the subject of much comment here. The reply made by Rev. Dr. H. W. Battle, pastor of the First Baptist church here, to the declaration of the Ohio preacher that the government would soon have to curtail the privileges of the press, has been enthusiastically commended by all classes of people. Since coming here, Dr. Battle has been foremost in every good work, civic as well as religious. He is regarded as one of the city's very best and most valuable citizens, independent of his magnificent spiritual and forensic equipment. Were it possible, he would have risen higher in the estimation of his people and friends here for his brave and noble defense of the liberty of the press and of conscience.

The social status of more people than realize it is established by their family wash.

On a Ragged Edge.

Seoul, Dec. 14.—The Japanese landed marines at Mok Phe yesterday to suppress a strike among laborers. It is reported that they fired upon the mob, killing several people.

The strike was among coolies employed in the foreign concession which precipitated clashes among the Koreans and Japanese. The affair, it is thought, may cause local complications, and it is possible Russia may send a warship should the Korean government request the landing of marines by Japan.

Mok Phe is a town on the southwest coast of Corea. It has about 9,000 inhabitants.

The State Department at Washington has received the following cablegram from United States Minister Allen, dated Seoul, Corea, December 13th:

"Japanese forces landed yesterday to protect Japanese subjects from Korean rioters. This has no significance, as the trouble is purely local."

The Pope Sees Mr. Bryan.

William Jennings Bryan, accompanied by his son, was received in private audience by the Pope Sunday, says a Rome dispatch. Mr. Bryan was presented by Mgr. Kennedy, rector of the American College, who acted as interpreter. His Holiness spoke with great interest of the Catholics in the United States. After the audience Mr. Bryan expressed himself as highly pleased with the Pope's kindly bearing.

Before going to the Vatican Mr. Bryan visited several of the interesting sights of Rome, including the Coliseum and the Roman Forum. He took particular interest in the spot from which Cicero thundered his invectives against Catalina.

Later Mr. Bryan lunched with Ambassador Meyer.

Pope in Poor health

Rome.—A vague rumor which is acquiring form is to the effect that the pope's health is not so good as it should be. His heart is weak and he suffers for a lack of a change of air and scene. His holiness is perfectly resigned, but his sisters are very much worried over his condition. They are anxious to advise him to abdicate and return to Venice. It is improbable that the pope will agree to his sisters' wish to abdicate, but it is noteworthy that a successor to him as patriarch of Venice has not been named. Only a vicar has been appointed.

South Carolina Ships Tin.

What is said to be the first shipment of tin ore ever made from this country to Europe is now at Gaffney, S. C., awaiting shipment to Liverpool, via New York. The tin deposits were found on the place of Capt. S. S. Ross, of Cherokee county. In three months, in a very crude manner, he has mined 20 tons of the ore, from which, it is said, he will realize \$800 a ton. He has not sufficient capital to build a smelter; hence the shipment to England.

Boy Trappers Doing a Good Business.

The boys on the farms are making big run on the steel traps. Minks are thick on the creeks and branches and the skins are selling at \$8 apiece. One boy bought a trap from Mr. Lee Setzer the other day and the next day brought in a skin and invested in three dollars worth of traps, and it is a common thing for the hardware stores to sell a half-dozen traps at a clip.

Good Roads in Maine.

It is stated that Maine for the first time leads the United States as a granite producing state. The greatest increase for the year 1901 over that of 1900 was in limestones. One of the chief factors of the industry during the year was the increased value of crushed stone, which covers granite, limestone and sandstone. This is attributed largely to the increase in building better roads.

The Methodist church is afflicted with a Bassett and the Baptist church with a Masses. But these two men do not correctly represent the attitude of these great churches. In fact their views are unofficially repudiated by the members. Here in Rhamkette the Methodists wouldn't send their boys to school to the professor and the Baptists wouldn't go to hear the preacher. We want old-fashioned folks to teach and preach here.—Rhamkette Roaster.

Some people could be happy only in jail if the law said they must not go there.

A woman means what she says till she says it.

HOLIDAY

For the next 30 days we will offer for sale the most up-to-date line of goods in town at greatly reduced prices. Remember that life is too short for you to delay taking advantage of our lower prices and bigger values than any other place in town. Ours are bargains that bring the biggest and busiest buyers back for more, because we treat them right.

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