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"STILL UNEXPLAINED."

The Columbia State said a few days ago in an editorial concerning the complaint of the Raleigh Evening Times and The Star that Wilmington did not figure in Col. E. J. Watson's article on the important South Atlantic Ports:

"The Raleigh Evening Times and the Wilmington Morning Star in extended comment on The State's 'Export Edition,' seem somewhat concerned that Wilmington is left out of the picture; 'why Wilmington should have been overlooked or ignored,' says The Star, 'perhaps, neighbor, except that this was Charleston's turn at the bat and The State was particularly desirous that the hits should be bunched in that inning. When Wilmington gets real deep water or becomes a South Carolina town The State will be delighted to take conspicuous notice of either or both events. Meanwhile we must be excused for pulling real hard for Charleston.'"

The Raleigh Evening Times, using the caption which we quote at the head of this column, gets back at The State in this exceedingly clever fashion:

"As far as we are concerned, The State is excusable, and we never thought otherwise. Together with many other North Carolina papers, we thought the enterprise so very excusable that we gave it favorable advance notice upon receipt of the prospectus from the editor of The State. We were glad to do this, and never for a moment expected that the paper at the South Carolina capital would boost our seaport of Wilmington, the altruistic age not being upon the world yet."

"As everyone who read our editorial on the subject is obliged to know, our criticism was not of the Columbia State, but of the article by the State Commissioner of Agriculture, E. J. Watson, in which he printed a table to show the mileage from various points in the country to the principal ports. The ports he put in his table were New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk and Charleston, failing to include Wilmington among the principal ports with Norfolk and Charleston in face of the facts that Wilmington's exports amount to many times those of Charleston and largely exceed the exports of Norfolk and Portsmouth combined, and that her import duties at least equal those of Charleston or Norfolk."

"It is up to Commissioner Watson, if he chooses to explain, why the unaccountable omission was allowed. We did not expect The State to take up the cudgels for Mr. Watson, for we did not presume The State became responsible for what was in the signed articles in its big export edition."

"However, since The State has taken it up, we respectfully beg to remind that learned, astute and enterprising sheet that seaports are measured by the amount of their exports and imports, not by the depth of water in their harbors. We know of places where the water is of almost unfathomable depth that are not seaports at all. Also we hope we may be permitted to say that we did not wait until Charleston became a North Carolina town to take notice, conspicuous or obscure, or her laudable advertising efforts."

The Times has thus reminded The State that we heap coals of fire on the head of Charleston. When The Star realized that Wilmington was too late in the movement to be made an immigrant station, it pulled for Charleston. The Star also expressed gratification when Charleston secured that navy yard. It has been only a few days ago that The Star took pride in mentioning that the official who inspected the Charleston navy yard some days ago spoke of it in a flattering manner in his report at Washington. We cannot detract from the importance of either Charleston or Wilmington by attempting to ignore them. Both have their advantages, and neither have gotten from Congress what they deserved to build up their commerce. So far as The Star is concerned we would like to see every Southern port developed and we hope they will be looked after by Congress in proportion to their opportunities to develop the commerce of this country—the United States—not the South particularly. Congress will fall to do its duty if it does not do everything in its power to develop a commerce that is simply waiting for deep water facilities at our ports.

ELOQUENT WILMINGTON FACTS.

The above is the title used by the Charlotte Observer to speak of an appreciated article in the Newbern Journal concerning Wilmington's deep water movement. Says our esteemed Charlotte contemporary:

"Observing that thirty feet from Wilmington to the sea would place

North Carolina safely among the States in a strong position to compete for the great trade opportunities which the Panama canal will open and enable every factory in this State to reach the world's markets on fair terms. The Newbern Journal narrows down its argument to these telling facts:

"The city of Wilmington is the one seaport of North Carolina. At present it is accessible to most classes of sea-going vessels. But this is not enough. The business interests of Wilmington, which are those of the whole State, seek a water depth from city dock to the open Atlantic ocean, of thirty feet. Two questions arise when such a demand is made: First, can such a depth be secured? The answer to this is in the affirmative, and there appears no controversy on this point. The second question would be: Do present and future commercial conditions warrant the expenditure of money to secure this thirty-foot depth? To answer this, a few figures as to present exports and comparisons. At the close of the fiscal year 1906 Wilmington exports are shown to be \$18,466,000, with the probability that 1907 will show over \$20,000,000. Against this just as a comparison, for 1906, Norfolk and Portsmouth had exports valued at \$12,000,000, and Charleston, S. C., about \$670,000."

"These facts are eloquent. Let's all in North Carolina get together and push."

The Star recently gave these statistics at some length, taken from the lately issued "Monthly Summary of Commerce and Finance of the United States," compiled by the Department of Commerce and Labor at Washington. They show for themselves, and the enthusiasm of the Journal and the Observer over the showing made for North Carolina's port is extremely pleasing.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—A contemporary contends that it is impossible to "legislate a man's chest away." Still, a law providing free beer would help some.—Washington Post.

—Although one judge has decided that a mollycoddle is one who shirks his part of the world's work, the average boy is going to continue sidestepping the job of splitting kindling wood as long as he can.—Washington Post.

—Calves without tails are being generously born in this section. R. H. Lanphere had a calf that had no tail. Dick Arrowmuth, another farmer, had one and now Walter Haskell has a two-week-old calf of the short-born variety that has no tail. It begins to look as if in the struggle to eliminate the horns, the tails are also being lost.—Byroe (O.) Dispatch, June 25.

—Since the New York World still appears to be receiving answers to its question, "What is a Democrat?" We venture the suggestion that it is a mild person who seldom acquires a sore throat as a result of cheering the election returns.—Washington Post.

—Whatever may be the outcome of the Haywood trial at Boise, it is very plain to everybody that there has been an unconscionable amount of villainy at work behind the scenes and a prodigious amount of falsification on the witness stand. There is, however, one gratifying matter in connection with the case. It is that Harry Orchard's career as a murderer, thief and bigamist is at an end. He may not go to the gallows right away, but he will never again see the outside of a prison as a free man.—Savannah News.

—That President Roosevelt may reconsider his determination not to run again for the presidency is the opinion of Col. John Temple Graves, who recently held a conference with the President at Oyster Bay. The President is said to have told Col. Graves at Jamestown on Georgia Day: "If I could be positively assured of the electoral vote of a single Southern State, I would be glad to be a candidate for the presidency next year." It was this declaration, according to the story, that caused Col. Graves to go to Oyster Bay, for the purpose of urging the President to run again. It does not appear that Col. Graves was authorized to promise the electoral vote of any Southern State for the Republican ticket, nor that he succeeded in obtaining the President's promise.—Savannah News.

Remarkable Rescue.

That truth is stranger than fiction, has once more been demonstrated in the little town of Fedora, Tenn., the residence of C. V. Pepper. He writes: "I was in bed, entirely disabled with hemorrhages of the lungs and throat. Doctors failed to help me, and all hope had fled, when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery. Then instant relief came. The coughing soon ceased; the bleeding diminished rapidly, and in three weeks I was able to go to work." Guaranteed cure for coughs and colds. 50c and \$1.00 at R. R. Bellamy's drug store. Trial bottle free.

He Fired the Stick.

"I have fired the walking-stick I've carried over 40 years, on account of a sore that resisted every kind of treatment, until I tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve; that has healed the sore and made me a happy man." writes John Garrett, of North Mills, N. C. Guaranteed for Piles, Burns, Etc., by R. R. Bellamy, druggist, 25c.

There is no decided change in the condition of Bishop Capers, according to a bulletin from Cedar Mountain, N. C.

The battleships Iowa, Maine, Indiana and Minnesota sailed yesterday from Hampton Roads, for a cruise off the coast and practice. No significance is attached to their movements, although suddenly made.

Read the Business Local Column of the Morning Star. It is interesting and remunerative.

TWINKLINGS.

—Young Husband—I told the governor I thought it would be wise if we started housekeeping at once. Young Wife—And did he endorse the opinion? Young Husband—Oh, yes, he endorsed the opinion all right.—Town and Country.

—"Which do you prefer," said the artistic young woman, "music or poetry?" "Poetry," answered Miss Caytray. "You can keep poetry shut up in a book. You don't have to listen to it unless you choose."—Washington Star.

—Mr. Jagway, who had come home at a late hour, was groping his way toward the foot of the stairs. "There's just twice as many chairs in this hallway as there ought to be?" he muttered. "My eyes might fool me on that proposition, of course, but when I stumble against 'em," by George, I know they're there!"—Chicago Tribune.

—"The Rural Critic: 'Who were all those young chaps with guitars and mandolins?' asked the old farmer who had spent the night in the big city hotel. 'Oh, that was a college glee club,' replied the clerk. 'Quite a string team, too.' 'String team, eh?' 'Oh, yes; as they all played string instruments it was a string team.' 'Thought so,' by heck! They made more noise than my string team of mine when they all start braying for rain."—Chicago News.

IN WRECKS AT SEA.

The Way Men Act When They Lose Their Heads and Nerve.

What has most struck me in my many experiences of shipwrecks has been the strangely diverse ways in which the passengers acquit themselves under intense excitement and panic, said a lifeboat man to the writer.

Women cry, faint and cling to each other, but are least trouble. Men often act very strangely. I remember one man throwing into the lifeboat a heavy trunk which he wanted to save, but which we promptly heaved overboard.

Some men become quite panic stricken. I've seen strong men, probably brave enough in other cases, fighting fiercely for the life buoys and thrusting the women and children aside in frantic endeavors to leap into the boat first; yet, strangely enough, one man who thus disgraced himself has since obtained the Royal Humane society's medal for saving life at sea, thrice volunteering with a scratch crew in aid of a distressed vessel.

I've known others who became so stupefied with fright as to resist all attempts at rescuing them, begging to be left to die and having to be forcibly thrown into the lifeboat. Some persons frequently become half demented, and I've known several cases where they have in a frenzy committed suicide by positively jumping headlong into the sea and drowning themselves, and one man to insure his sinking filled his pockets with coal.

Some years ago another passenger, hearing the ship had struck, went and drowned himself in the bathroom, anticipating his fate, as it were.

I remember another case where a passenger hanged himself in his cabin just as the lifeboat arrived.—London Tit-Bits.

Gent and Gemman.

This slang word seems to have come in at first as a mere written contraction. I have found the word layments in law reports of the seventeenth century, particularly those of Popham and of Davis. In Sir John Northcote's "Note Book," Dec. 2, 1840, Lord Gray is described as saying of one Halford or Holford "that he is no gent; that in memory of divers he kept hogs." The cognate word gemman can be traced about a century earlier.—London Notes and Queries.

A French Joke.

Here is a French joke that is rather English in character: The Marquis de Favieres, notorious for his impecuniosity, called on a man of means named Barnard and said:

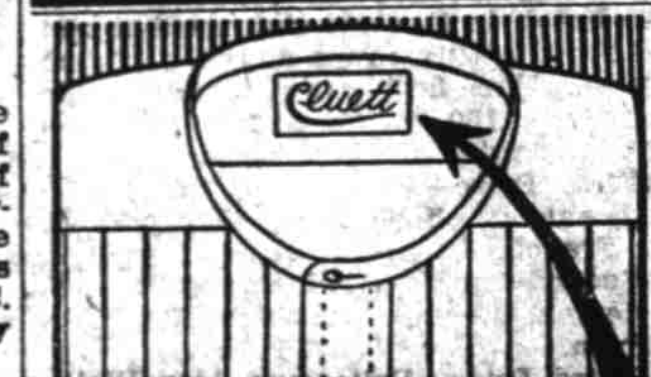
"Monsieur, I am going to astonish you. I am the Marquis de Favieres. I do not know you, and I come to borrow 500 louis."

"Monsieur," Barnard replied, "I am going to astonish you much more. I know you, and I am going to lend them."—Lippincott's Magazine.

All by Accident Too.

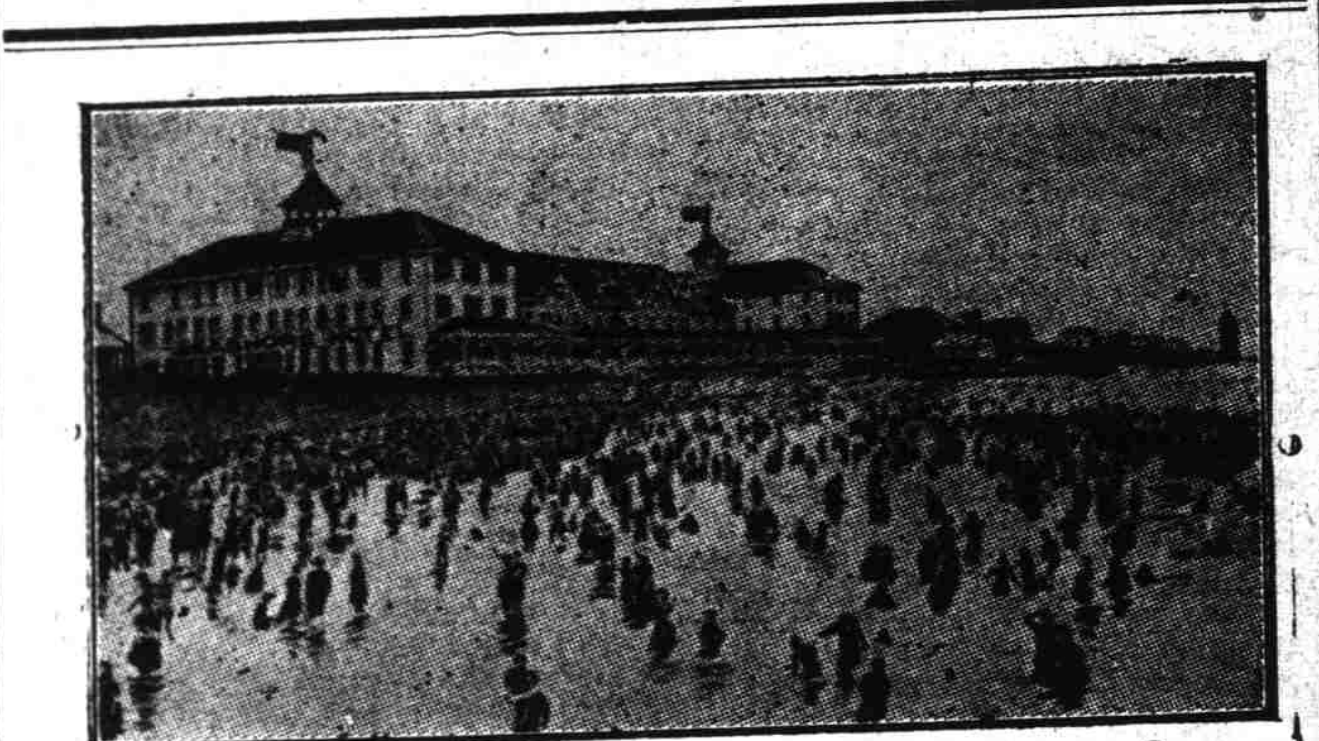
George—Well, life is worth living, after all. Jack—What's happened? George—I went to a railway station to see my sister off, and by some chance Harry Hanson was there to see his sister off, and in the rush and noise and confusion we got mixed, and I hugged his sister and he hugged mine.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

From those I trust God guard me, from those I mistrust I will guard myself.—Italian Proverb.



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North Carolina vs. William McH. Brown and George H. Brown. Plaintiff before the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, for the purpose of selling two lots of land in the city of Wilmington, one part of Lot 4 and 5, Block 224, and the other, part of Lot 1, Block 240, the more particularly described in the complaint this day filed. And it being made to appear that the said defendants are non-residents of this State and cannot after due diligence be found in this State, and they are necessary parties to this action; Now, the said defendants are hereby notified to be and appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, at the Court House in Wilmington, on the 13th day of July, 1907, and answer or demur to the said complaint now on file in this office, or judgment will be granted against them according to the prayer of said complaint. JNO. D. TAYLOR, Clerk of the Superior Court of New Hanover County. Jun 20-4wks

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