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A FLUNDERED PEOPLE

There are no other people on the face of the earth plundered as the American people are in the name of protection. They have paid since the protective era was inaugurated, in tribute to the protected manufacturers, money enough to buy over and over again every protected manufacturing plant in America.

What has the result been? The wealth of the country which thirty years ago was distributed among the people more evenly than it has ever been since, has passed out of the hands of the few, and these few by their money and the influence that money yields practically control the Government and make its laws.

Thirty years ago the farmers of this country were out of debt, prosperous, contented and independent; now as a class they are practically pauperized, for if their debts were paid they would have nothing.

Kansas is a good farming State, with rich lands, and good railroad transportation, lands that cost the owners very little, for they were bought at Government price, and what have they to show for the twenty-five years they have raised in the past twenty-five years?

With the exception of stock raisers, we do not believe there is one farmer in ten in the Western States who, allowing him reasonable compensation for his labor, and interest on the money invested in his farm, is any better off to-day than he was twenty-five years ago.

What have the toiling millions who earn their living by their daily labor to show for their twenty-five years of toil? Nothing. All gone for the clothes they wore and the food they ate, all made dearer than they otherwise would have been by the proportion of the tariff plunder they had to pay to the protected industries.

And yet these plundered, mortgage-ridden farmers, and these plundered and oppressed toiling millions are asked to go to the ballot boxes and vote to perpetuate the system of plunder which has eaten up the crops of twenty-five years, covered the farms with mortgages, and made the lives of the farmers which ought to be, under ordinary circumstances, the most comfortable and contented, the most miserable, and has made the toilers in the mines and the shops and the mills the slaves of the money power that fixes their wages and practically tells them to starve if they refuse to work for it.

Why all these struggles between labor and capital? Because capital oppresses labor and does not give it a reasonable share of the wealth it creates. Why all this banding together of trade and labor organizations? To protect themselves against the arbitrary dictation of capital.

Were these heard of thirty years ago? Were organized strikes heard of thirty years ago? Were lock-outs heard of thirty years ago? No. They are all the natural products of the plundering system which has enabled the few to become rich enough to lord it over the many, and look upon the many as their legitimate prey.

The starving peasantry in the farming districts of Russia are flocking into the towns in search of food, many perishing on the roadsides from cold and hunger. The towns have no food to give and no money to buy it, and the result is robbing and incendiarism. Within ten years instead of buying imported or Northern made steel rails, the South will be exporting and shipping steel rails North.

DEATH OF COMMODORE INGRAHAM

The Charleston News and Courier of Saturday announces the death in that city Friday, of Commodore Duncan Nathaniel Ingraham, a veteran of the navy, at the age of nearly ninety years.

It will be well to recall the circumstances of this case. Kosztza had, during a brief residence in this country, declared his intention of becoming an American citizen, and before filling all the conditions entitling him to citizenship, returned to Europe.

On the morning of the 2d of July Capt. Ingraham was informed that the Austrians were about to carry Kosztza to Trieste. He went on board the Huzzar and saw the man in chains. He asked Kosztza to claim American protection. Kosztza said he did. Then, added Ingraham, you shall have it.

Returning on board the St. Louis, he wrote to the Austrian captain (Schwarz) giving him until 4 o'clock to deliver up the prisoner, and cleared his guns for action, although there were two Austrian war vessels in the harbor.

Secretary of State Marcy not only sustained his action but commended him for the "vigilant dignity" he showed in his brave defence of American citizenship. Since the war Commodore Ingraham has lived a retired life in the city of Charleston, where he died.

AN HONORED LIFE CLOSED

The announcement of the death, at Baltimore, Friday, of Col. Walter L. Steele, of Richmond county, will be read with deep regret throughout North Carolina, not only by those who know him personally, but by thousands who know him by reputation.

As a representative North Carolinian, he stood among the first of North Carolina's sons, and through his long life of sixty-nine years, when he passed from time to eternity, he bore an honored name. He was a man of liberal education, a strong, independent and original thinker, firm in his convictions and bold in his utterance.

MINOR MENTION

Some of the McKinley organs are trying to humbug the farmers into the belief that the McKinley tariff has lowered prices because twine is cheaper now than it was before the passage of the McKinley bill, but they hide the fact that twine is cheaper because manilla, jute and hemp, the materials out of which twine is made were put upon the free list, and the tariff on twine was reduced from 2.5 cents to 0.7 of a cent per pound.

Nearly every railroad in the United States was represented at this association meeting, there being over two hundred railroad officials present. Besides Mr. Emerson, the following Atlantic Coast Line officials were there looking out for the interest of their system: Mr. H. Walters, Vice President; Mr. R. K. Kelly, General Manager; Capt. J. F. Divine, General Superintendent.

Why is it that the Republican machine managers have not given Mr. Ingalls, "the statesman out of a job," a job whooping up for McKinley or some of the other fellows? They don't seem to have any further use for him since he has turned farmer.

NOTICE

This is intended only for subscribers whose subscriptions have expired. It is not a dun, but a simple request that all who are in arrears for the STAR will favor us with a prompt remittance.

We are sending out bills now (a few each week), and if you receive one please give it your attention.

An Actor's Good Fortune. R. D. MacLean, who played in Wilmington with Marie Prescott, left his company last week in Topeka to go to his home near Shepherdstown, W. Va., where his father had just died.

There is some talk among the boys here of forming a naval battalion. There is plenty of material here and an abundance of water not far off. In this connection the following from the Norfolk Landmark is pertinent:

A forcible review in the Forum for October strongly approves the establishment of a Naval militia and reserve by the States, and it is gratifying to see that the idea is gaining ground.

A Young Woman Assaulted in Macon County—Escape of Her Assailant. Persons arriving by train on the C. F. & Y. V. Railroad yesterday evening reported a terrible outrage committed on a respectable young white girl at Franklinville, Macon county, last Wednesday night.

—Ex-Sheriff Elijah Murrill is among the excursionists on Onslow. —Mr. J. T. Collins, of Burgaw, was a visitor at the STAR office yesterday. —Mr. S. Mears, of Clarkton, was a welcome visitor at the STAR office yesterday.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Elmore, of Maxton, were registered at The Orton yesterday. —Mr. H. Blount, editor of the Wilmington Mirror, was in our city yesterday, registered at The Orton.

—Mr. B. R. Hallett, of Mt. Olive, but for many years a citizen of Wilmington, is here on a short visit. —Mr. K. M. Barnes and Miss U. Barnes, of Barnesville, N. C., were among the arrivals in town yesterday.

Mr. Calvin Bowen, accompanied by his brother and little daughter, of Harrison's Creek, were in the city yesterday, and paid us a very pleasant visit. —Norwegian barque Spes, cleared yesterday for Antwerp, Belgium, with 3,816 barrels rosin, valued at \$5,905 47; shipped by Messrs. Paterson, Downing & Co.

—British steamship Elmets cleared yesterday for Liverpool, England, with 6,000 bales cotton, valued at \$355,000. Vessel and cargo by Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Son. —Mr. and Mrs. N. Sidbury, of Scott's Hill, were in the city yesterday visiting friends. Mr. Sidbury, who is a prominent merchant and farmer, reports the peanut crop the best he has seen in several years.

DEMOCRATS IN COUNCIL

Conference of Leading Members of the Party at Raleigh—Great Unanimity—All for the Platform of the Third Party Movement—The Platform of the Last Campaign Urged for Adoption.

Raleigh, N. C., October 15.—A conference of leading Democrats from all parts of the State was held at Commons Hall to-night. There was a large attendance. Addresses were made by ex-Gov. Jarvis, Alexander Robbins, Thos. Skinner, Capt. Kitchen, and others.

The conference adjourned at 11.10 o'clock, when the State Democratic Committee met with closed doors. Its proceedings were not given to the public.

Senator J. W. King, of Guilford, presided at the conference. Complaints of Alleged Frequency of Fires on Board Vessels Laden with Cotton—Remedial Measures Suggested.

WASHINGTON, October 15.—The Acting Secretary of State recently received a letter from the British Minister at Washington relative to the packing of American cotton intended for shipment, in which the Minister refers to the great risk to human life which has been shown to exist from the loose baling of cotton.

CLIFFTON FORGE, Va., Oct. 17.—A savage fight occurred between the negroes and Clifton Forge officers in the Mountain pass, one and a half miles from here near the Iron Gate, this afternoon, resulting in the death of a white man and a negro.

A DREADFUL SCENE. Enacted at an Execution in Minnesota. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

REDFORD FALLS, MINN., Oct. 16.—A dreadful scene was enacted this morning at the execution of Wm. Rose. The prisoner was awakened at 6 o'clock, ate a hearty meal, heard the reading of the death-warrant with great coolness and mounted the gallows with a firm step.

GEN. W. H. F. LEE. Died Yesterday at His Home in Fairfax County, Virginia. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Oct. 15.—Gen. W. H. F. Lee, second son of Gen. R. E. Lee, died at his home in Ravensworth, Fairfax county, this evening, aged 84 years.

A Woman Mutilated by an Escaped Convict. COLUMBIA, S. C., October 15.—Fred Kempson, an escaped convict, went to the house of a woman in Lexington county who had been instrumental in securing his prosecution and conviction for assault and battery with intent to kill, tied her up and told her he would either cut her throat or chop off her ears, and that she might choose.

HANG NG IN GEORGIA

A Negro Murderer Pays the Penalty of his Crimes. MADISON, October 16.—Alexander Morris was hanged to-day in the presence of about thirty persons in Morgan county jail. He ate a hearty breakfast, and appeared in good spirits all day, saying he was ready and willing to die.

On the night of October 1st, 1889, Dan Lockett, an old negro, was shot through the head, and his wife's throat cut from ear to ear.

GEN. W. H. F. LEE. Funeral Services at Ravensworth—Attendees from Many Places. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—Funeral services over the remains of Gen. Wm. H. F. Lee, Representative in Congress of the 8th Virginia district, were held from his late residence at Ravensworth to-day.

A SAVAGE FIGHT. Between Negroes and Town Officers of Clifton Forge, Va.—Two Men Killed—Lynchings Threatened. CLIFFTON FORGE, Va., Oct. 17.—A savage fight occurred between the negroes and Clifton Forge officers in the Mountain pass, one and a half miles from here near the Iron Gate, this afternoon, resulting in the death of a white man and a negro.

DANVILLE SENSATION. A Prominent Citizen Charged with Sending Obscene Letters to a Handsome Widow. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

DANVILLE, Va., October 17.—Geo. W. Martin, a citizen of Highlands, was before a U. S. Commissioner to-day on a warrant charging him with sending obscene letters to a handsome widow living in North Danville.

THE EXPRESS ROBBERS. Attachments Issued Against Vice President Spooner's Property. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—John Hoey, the deposed President of the Adams Express Co., this morning tendered his resignation as Manager of the Company, which was promptly accepted by the Board.

SHOT DEAD. Haywood Manning Killed by Henry Tillman in Goliath County, Ga. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Oct. 17.—Haywood Manning, a farmer of Goliath county, was shot dead last night by Henry Tillman, as he was advancing on the latter with a drawn knife. Manning was made bloodthirsty by drink. Seven small children are left orphans by his death. The coroner's jury exonerated Tillman.

SPIRITS PURENTINE

—Rutherford Banner: The total amount of taxable property in Rutherford county listed in 1891 at \$3,388,306, against \$3,393,000 in 1890, an increase of \$4,696. Of this Rutherford township paid \$206,774, against \$418,788 last year, an increase of \$192,014.

—Gastonia Gazette: We had good reports of crops at Dallas Court. All we saw were fairly good. Upland corn is good; cotton doing first rate for the season.

—Mount Holly News: One day last week, while "ditcher" Jim Wilson's wife was scalding her beds and cleaning up, while removing the bed clothes from one of the beds, was surprised to find a black snake crawling about on the bed, which she had just washed and ironed.

—Morganton Herald: We are sorry to learn of the serious accident which happened near St. J. D. Kincaid a few days ago. While walking across a log across a stream near his home in Lower Creek township, she fell, breaking her leg in two places.

—Shelby Aurora: Ed. Thomas George Martin (George Logan), two negroes who were arrested in Shelby last month while on the way to their homes in Rutherford, were tried last week at Lincoln court and sentenced to the penitentiary. Thompson, the leader in the stealing, has gone for ten years, and Logan or Martin for five years.

—Wilson Advance: Twenty-seven convicts in charge of four guards armed with repeating Winchesters, yesterday were going to the State farm near Weldon. In the party were noticed eight ten young negro boys.

—Maxton Union: Mr. L. T. Peterson, who, upon his recovery from a spell of typhoid fever at Washington, came up to Asheville yesterday, after five weeks ago, died at that place on Thursday last of pneumonia.

—Charlotte Record: Thus far only about one-half of the persons in this county, who are entitled to any of the land tax, have filed applications for it.

—Charlotte News: The Linden, Davidson College's new cotton mill, will begin work this week. The first cotton was run through the machinery this evening. The Linden is a mill of 2,900 spindles and is equipped first-class in all its appointments.

—Charlotte Chronicle: From what the Cabarrus men say the only talk about the Mill Pleasant section is on what they think is a rich find of first-class iron ore. The hill that is composed almost entirely of solid rock, is located near Mt. Pleasant, and will be very easily reached.

—Charlotte Chronicle: Some of the Farmers of Providence, who were in the city yesterday, say the operations are playing havoc with the late corn in that county. They cut the stalks down and then they eat the cobs. They have made a raid or two on the pumpkins, but prefer the corn. One man has shot as many as two of the "grinning critters" off one stalk.