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## MOTHER'S PRISONS AT CHRISTMAS.

WILLIAM HOPKINS. The merry bells may jingle in the good old fashioned way; In merriment we mingle, with the music holding sway; The "Merry in Excess" is sounding everywhere, But really 'tisn't Christmas if mother isn't there. She hangs a newer halo round the mistletoe on high; A spirit of bravado drives away the weary sigh— For sorrow is no mistress, and life lets go its fear. Amid the joys of Christmas, when mother, dear, is here. The fire upon the hearthstone lights up with ruddier glow; The laughter is more mirthsome, bubbling forth in frolic flow; The Christ child truly comes to us in all his heavenly cheer, If the advent of old Christmas finds mother, also, here.

## SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

—Saying no to God and yes to the devil are the two sides of one act of the mind, and every man is liable to measure the consequences of either. —The true Christian is like the sun which pursues his noiseless track and everywhere leaves the effect of his beams in blessing upon the world around him.—Luther. —Take the self-denial gayly and cheerfully; and let the sunshine of thy gladness fall on dark things and bright alike, like the sunshine of the Almighty.—James Freeman Clark. —The flower is stationary, but its perfume is blown on every breeze; its gentle ministry is felt far beyond its garden walls. No man liveth unto himself.—Is this not my life? —Let us be content to do little, if God sets us at little tasks. It is but pride and envy which says: "I've done something huge to fight, and should enjoy that; but why make me sweep the dust?"—Charles Kingsley

## THE RECENT REVOLUTION.

Mr. Chadbourne Talks to a Chicago Reporter about the Recent Uplaval in Wilmington.

The Chicago Inter Ocean of the 21st prints the following interview with Mr. James H. Chadbourne, Jr., late Republican Treasurer of New Hanover county, but who voted a Democratic ticket in the recent election. —James H. Chadbourne, Jr., of Wilmington, N. C., was at the Palmer House yesterday. Mr. Chadbourne is president of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and one of the leading business men of the city which was the scene of the recent race troubles. The movement which led to a practical revolution in Wilmington were directed by a group of a social and business rather than a political nature, and he says that the negroes fired the shot that was the prelude of the killing of a number of their race. —"The real beginning of the recent troubles in Wilmington," said he yesterday, "dates back to two years ago, when the newly elected Legislature, controlled by a coalition of Democrats, publicans and Populists, passed a law changing the charters of the principal cities, including Wilmington. Under the terms of the new charter only five of the ten aldermen were elected by popular vote, while the other five were appointed by the Republican Governor. This action of the Legislature was regarded by the better class of the population as a gross and odious infringement upon the rights of self-government, and as such was deeply resented. Under this arrangement four of our aldermen were negroes, representing practically no property interests. Fuel was added to the fire by the growing tendency of the negroes to assert themselves unduly, and a crisis was reached when the negro paper, the Record, published an editorial article which was flagrantly offensive to the white people, reflecting, as it did, upon the character of white women. The younger element was held in check, but this was a quiet great difficulty. The business men of the city came to the conclusion that its commercial salvation depended upon the overthrow of the existing order of things, and accordingly, a strong and, as it proved, successful fight was made against the dominant elements at the November election. —"On election day every man voted who had any desire to vote, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the votes were honestly and fairly counted. It should be borne in mind that there was no bloodshed until after the election. After demolition of the Record office a party of white men was fired upon by negroes, and bloodshed followed. I saw it stated in the Inter Ocean of yesterday that W. E. Henderson, a colored lawyer, who spoke here Sunday, claims to have been driven out by threats. So far as I know there was no reason for Henderson's leaving, as he was a quiet and peaceable man. I never knew that any threats were made against him. —"The negroes of North Carolina pay only 3% per cent. of the taxes, and it is conceivable that the whites, who own practically all the property, and bear the burden of taxation, should submit quietly to be dominated by a race, and especially opposed to the instincts of the Anglo-Saxon. —"The solution of the race problem is an educational restriction upon the right of suffrage, as this is a quiet and peaceful way of settling the matter. The president of the negro state college said as much to me in conversation only a few days ago. Freed from the fear of negro domination, Wilmington, which is already one of the most progressive cities in the South, looks forward to great growth and prosperity."

## THE HORNET ARRIVED

She Steamed Into Port at 2:15 O'clock on Yesterday Afternoon.

## THE VOYAGE FROM NORFOLK.

Her Armament Has Been Removed But Will Soon Be Replaced—Commander Morton Contemplates Making Improvements in Equipment.

The Hornet is here and the Naval Reservists are happy. The splendid auxiliary cruiser which is to be stationed at this port as a training vessel for the North Carolina Battalion Naval Reserves reached the city yesterday at 2:15 P. M., and is temporarily moored alongside Mr. James Sprunt's wharf, at the foot of Nun street. Commander Morton and his crew of Wilmington and Southport Naval Reserves, who brought the vessel from Norfolk here, report a very pleasant voyage, save that the fog and rough seas gave them considerable trouble. The fact is that at one time off Hatteras every man of the forty-odd on board, except five, was thoroughly seasick. On Wednesday night the fog was so dense that Commander Morton anchored the cruiser early in the evening off sea, using all the chain they had on board. Anchor was not weighed until 4 A. M., when the voyage was resumed. When the boat was sighted down the river channel yesterday afternoon the tug Narvassa steamed down the channel, with Ensign E. L. Miller and other gentlemen on board, and served as an escort for the cruiser. There was an exchange of steam whistle salutes, and all along the river front as the boats came toward the government wharf the whistles of various manufacturing, as well as the ships in port, blew salutes, which were vigorously answered by the Hornet. It was almost three o'clock when the government wharf was cleared and the Hornet made fast to the pier. She no sooner touched the dock than many friends of the officers and crew boarded her and proceeded to spy out the vessel's admirable appointments, directed in their inspection by reserves who proudly pointed out the features of special note. The STAR has previously published a detailed description of the cruiser. She is a splendid vessel; but bears the marks of the hard service through which she passed during the war with Spain. Commander Morton, in conversation with a member of the STAR staff, said last night that he intends giving the boat a thorough renovation at once and will make some necessary changes in her appointments. The vessel carries seven guns; but all of them, as well as the other armament, were taken off her at Norfolk, so that at present she is not armed at all. Commander Morton said last night that he would get the same guns which she carried during the war back on her very soon. It will only be necessary for the State authorities to make formal application for the armament and it will be forthcoming. By delaying the trip from Norfolk a day or two he could have gotten the guns before bringing the cruiser here, but he did not care to wait. "He is confident that the Hornet will have her full complement of guns very soon. It is the commander's purpose to set an early date make a trip to sea and invite a party of friends to make the trip with him, so that they can be the better judge of her seafaring qualities. As previously announced by the STAR, Commander Morton was accompanied from Norfolk by Mr. T. M. Emerson, Mr. W. M. Devine and Mr. Brook French, who were his guests. Lieut. Jno. G. Quinby and Engineer L. B. Perkins, of the United States Navy, also came down with him. They spent last night at the Orton and will leave this morning for Washington. It has not yet been decided what wharf will be assigned to the Hornet.

## ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Still Adding to Its Splendid Accommodations for Passengers.

The Florence correspondent of the News and Courier says: The Atlantic Coast Line will shortly establish a full system of vestibule trains between Jersey City and Port Tampa. They propose to make all of their through trains, Nos. 23, 22, 35, 37, 33 and 78, vestibule trains, which will run all the year. In order to do this they are now having several trains built at the Pullman shops in Chicago, which will be vestibule fitted out with all modern conveniences for passengers. These trains are not to take the place of the New York and Florida, which is run the first four months of the year, but will be their regular through passenger trains. They are to be made up of a mail car, baggage, express, combination car and a first-class coach. HOMICIDE IN LENOIR. Jacob Daugherty Fatally Stabbed at An Entertainment—Young Man Arrested Charged With the Crime. [Star Correspondence.] KINSTON, N. C., Dec. 24. At a Christmas entertainment on the night of the 23rd inst., at Rose of Sharon Church, six miles from Kinston, an altercation occurred between several young men. It was passed over by the crowd as a trivial matter, but several hours later it was ascertained that a young man, Jacob Daugherty, had been badly cut in the abdomen. When it was discovered he was weak from loss of blood, as the cut had extended very deep and was quite a long one, and no hope was entertained of his recovery. He lingered until yesterday afternoon, when death came. It is not known who did the cutting, but a young man, Jim Babanek, has been arrested charged with it. All the parties are white, and of respectable families. As usual, too much Christmas whiskey was the cause of the trouble.

## PEACE TREATY WITH SPAIN.

Arrival in Washington of the American Commissioners From Paris.

## A MOMENTOUS DOCUMENT.

Delivered to President McKinley at the White House by Judge Day—Informal Proceedings—Treaty Not Given to the Public.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, December 24.—President McKinley received from the American Peace Commissioners late this afternoon the treaty of peace between the United States and Spain. In presenting this momentous document, Judge Day, chairman of the commission, said it represented the earnest efforts of the American representative at Paris and that it was submitted with the hope that it would redound to the credit, glory and honor of the American nation. Accepting the treaty from the hands of Judge Day, the President responded with heartfelt thanks and congratulated the commission as a body and the members individually. He spoke of all that had been accomplished and of the happy method by which difficult questions had been adjusted. The formal ceremony of delivering the treaty to the President occurred in the Blue Room and was attended by the commissioners, who arrived here from New York on a special train at 4:20 A. M. 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