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OBEYING THE CONSTITUTION.

It is remarkable when it meets their purposes what loud champions of the constitution the Republican statesmen and their organs are. It is remarkable, too, what silly stuff some of them can indulge in when talking on the constitution.

The pretence on which the supporters of the Crumpacker bill to reduce Southern representation do it is that by disfranchising illiterate negroes the Southern States which have passed qualified suffrage laws are violating the constitution, that is two partisan amendments to the constitution which were never constitutionally adopted, and which were themselves unconstitutional in the inception. As an illustration of the silly stuff that even some of these presumably sensible organs can get off sometimes we quote the following from the Philadelphia *Press*, a zealous supporter of the Crumpacker bill:

"During the long dominance of the slave power in Congress and the nation the customary method of Southern newspapers and statesmen to hush up any discussion of the slavery question was to threaten secession from the Union. This threat was hurled at every Northern member of Congress who ventured to assert his manliness in debate. Only the 'doughfaces' escaped the fling. The threat was finally carried into effect with results that are not doubtful.

"Southern newspapers and Congressmen are making the same mistake now in discussing the proposed enforcement of the Fourteenth Amendment, which the Southern States are undeniably violating by the suffrage clauses they have placed in their Constitutions. The threat is uttered and repeated that if an attempt is made to compel compliance with the United States Constitution that the South will be made solid again and the old sectional bitterness be revived. In other words, the South must be allowed to violate with impunity just what provisions of the Constitution it chooses and if any protest is made from the States which obey the Constitution the South will get 'mad' and refuse to recognize the North.

"To such a puerile argument there is just one answer, and that is that the South shall obey the Constitution or take the penalties. The old days when bull-ragging intimidated any one in the North have gone by. No one knows this better than the South itself and its present bluster is pure assumption. The idea that one man in the South must be allowed two or three times the voting power a Northern man has, and that nothing must be said about it for fear the South may get into a pet, is on a par with the argument that it is better to keep stuffing a spoiled child with candy than to make it obey. Constitutional questions are not decided in that way."

If there is anything in this more prominent than its silliness it is its assumption and its monumental cheek in posing as the champion of "obedience to the constitution."

When did the party for which this disciplinarian speaks ever show any regard for the constitution when the constitution was in its way or it wanted to do anything for the doing of which its right was questioned?

Where did it find any authority in the constitution to make war on the South to keep it in the Union, and where did it find any authority in the constitution to keep the Southern States out of the Union after the war and after contending all along that they never had been out? It raised armies not to bring the seceded States in, but to prevent them from going out and staying out.

Where did it find any authority for disfranchising Southern white men who had never been out of the Union and making them citizens as if they were aliens?

Where did it find authority in the constitution to emancipate four millions of slaves, the right to hold whom was recognized by the constitution, and where did it find in the constitution the right to enfranchise these slaves and make them monarchs of the ballot box? Where did it find in the constitution the right to reconstruct the Southern States and put it in the power of the enfranchised slaves to rule these States when they didn't know the difference between a ballot and bill poster?

The more candid of its leaders never made any pretence that they found authority in the constitution for any of these things. They made war on the South not by virtue of any constitutional authority, but, as they declared, by the inherent right to protect and preserve the life of the nation, which was not a nation, but a union of sovereign States bound together by mutual agreement. Numbers and superior resources triumphed, and ever since then when it suited the purposes and schemes of the party leaders the constitution was ignored and set aside.

When these leaders decided to abolish slavery they didn't have the cheek to claim the constitutional right to do it but did it as a "military necessity," when it was not a military necessity, and had ceased to be a military necessity if it ever was.

When they decided to enfranchise the ex-slaves and reconstruct the South they did not claim the right to do it under the constitution, frankly admitting, as blunt Thad Stevens did, that the action was 'extra constitutional," and they admitted, too, that it was for the purpose of Republicanizing the South and nationalizing the Republican party. That was so apparent that they could not deny it if they would, although some of them hypocritically pretended that they gave the negro the ballot to protect him from the white man, who would oppress him if he did not have the ballot to protect himself.

Where did it find in the constitution authority for the election laws it passed for the South to fasten negro domination on us, for the United States marshals it sent to the polls to look after the negro vote, and for the force laws it attempted to run through Congress but couldn't, because some Republicans, like James G. Blaine, who had some respect for the constitution opposed them and helped the Democratic minority to defeat them?

The organs of such a party should be the last in the world to lecture the South upon violating the constitution, and to threaten to punish her for "violating" not the constitution but, as remarked above, the unconstitutional amendments passed to handicap the South and put her in the power of the Republican leaders.

Having failed in this they admit the failure, and now try to handicap the South again by reducing her representation because she refuses to be dominated by the negroes whom the Republican party leaders hoped to use as tools to control her politics. And in doing this they publicly confess that they abandon the negro and never expect to find him useful as a political tool. They, speaking through the Crumpacker bill, virtually say to the Southern States, we recognize our failure to put you under negro domination, and are not going to try any more to do that. We have no further use for the negro in the South as a political factor, and therefore don't care what becomes of the ballot we gave him. You can do with that as you please and if you wish disfranchise every negro within your borders, illiterate and literate; all we ask and all we will claim is that when you disfranchise your negroes, all of them, that you only ask representation in Congress and in the electoral college for your white people. If this be done then the negro will be eliminated as a political factor, the South will get rid of him as a voter, the Republican party will get rid of him as an incubus and an uncongenial associate, and we will all be glad. And that's the sum and substance of the whole business.

But doesn't lecturing the South, and reproaching her for disfranchising, not all negroes, but simply the vicious, venal and ignorant mob, come with bad grace from those late-day clamorers for "obedience to the constitution?" It surely does, and it borders on the ridiculous.

THEY CAN'T SMOTHER IT.

The anti-Schley faction and the anti-Schley navy ring would like to smother the Schley question now if they could, but they can't. That biassed verdict has made it too big, big enough to call for a protest from all fair-minded people in the country, and big enough to break into Congress with an avalanche of resolutions. In trying to crush Schley they have simply added to his greatness and his fame and made him the most conspicuous personality in the country.

His persecutors doubtless now regret that the two admirals who rendered that one-sided verdict did not show more discriminating judgment and more sense of fair play and bring in a verdict that had some features of fairness and justice in it, one that might have made it unnecessary for Admiral Dewey to differ entirely from it and to render an entirely different verdict—the one that the large majority of the American people will accept and endorse.

The result of these two verdicts is that there is universal disappointment, the friends of Admiral Schley and the friends of justice repudiating the former and the adherents of Admiral Sampson rejecting the latter. Admiral Schley's friends are determined, as far as they can effect it, that the country shall have more light on this conspiracy against Schley than could be brought out by naval court methods when partial judges may be chosen by those in authority may be interested in the result, and coached witnesses used. They will, therefore, insist on an investigation by a committee of Congress, which will not be governed by navy court procedure. Whether they will get it is another question, and whether, if they get it, it would be an impartial investigation in view of the political considerations that will figure more or less in it. Schley is a Democrat and the majority of his friends moving for a new investigation are Democrats. But there will not be any politics in the court which historian Maclay will have to face when Admiral Schley proceeds against him for libel. They can get facts and testimony in that which the navy ring can't suppress.

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A QUEER BILL.

The tariff bill for the Philippines might be called a bill to encourage trade between the Philippines and foreign countries and to suppress or reduce it to the minimum between the Philippines and this country. In the debate, Tuesday, Mr. Swanson, of Virginia, in opposing this bill called attention to some of its unique peculiarities, as follows: Philippine sugar entering our markets must pay a tax of $36 a ton; our sugar entering their markets will pay $17 a ton; Philippine hemp entering our markets will be taxed $20 a ton, while our hemp going to the Philippines will pay $11 a ton. Philippine coal coming here will be taxed 67 cents a ton, while our coal going there will pay a tax of 25 cents a ton. Philippine tobacco coming here will be taxed $1.85 a pound, while our tobacco going there will pay 88 cents a pound.

These are a few of the peculiarities, the tax on Philippine products coming here being more than double the tax on our products going there. The probabilities are that the same proportion is kept up on all the exportable products of the islands which may be produced in this country,—a practical illustration of "benevolent assimilation" when it collides with the protected interests in this country.

As these rates on Philippine products are practically prohibitory will not the effect be to keep the products of those islands out of our markets and compel their people to seek markets where there will be less discrimination against them? The tax on American sugar, hemp and tobacco will not probably make any difference to the Filipinos, as they can make all the sugar, hemp and tobacco they have any use for, so that if the object is to get revenue out of the islands they will not get much out of these things.

One of the peculiar features of this discrimination against Philippine products is that while the expansionists are talking volubly of the possibilities for those islands when American enterprise enters that field of development, they are pursuing the very course to strangle enterprise and development by closing our markets against the products of those islands. Consistency is a jewel, but these fellows do not put much value on that kind of jewels.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— In devising a tariff scheme to bring America to terms of reciprocity, Germany seems to have got into a snarl with Russia. A tariff war, even more than the other kind, appears difficult to confine to the two countries that begin it. But the whole trouble can be avoided by giving the consumer a chance, as is his right, to buy in the cheapest market.—*Brooklyn Citizen, Dem.*

—— President Roosevelt seems to be taking a throw at every Republican with a machine. Senator Fairbanks being the latest head hit. To refuse to bestow the patronage on the bosses may weaken the machine, but it remains to be seen whether it shall strengthen the President sufficiently to compensate him, as a politician, for the loss he may suffer through the opposition of the machines.—*Louisville Courier-Journal, Dem.*

—— Admiral Schley is rather unfavorable to a Congressional investigation on the ground that its decision would be apt to be made on party lines. This is true, and yet it would give all the facts to the public, and the verdict of the stronger party in Congress would be set aside if not acceptable to the higher court of public opinion. It is obvious that there is much in the navy that needs investigating, and it could not be brought out by an inquiry that involved Admiral Schley alone.—*Jacksonville Times-Union, Dem.*

DEATH OF MR. W. J. DUFFIE.

Left a Large Fortune and Was a Most Prominent Columbia Citizen.

In speaking of the death of Mr. W. J. Duffie, which was chronicled in these columns yesterday, the Columbia correspondent of the Charleston *News and Courier* says:

"Mr. Duffie was a native of Chester county. He entered the South Carolina College in the class of 1853, leaving in 1854 and going to Laurens, where he taught school awhile, going thence to Newberry, where he was in the same business, also publishing an almanac. Then the war came and he served under Major Rowland Rhett. He came here in 1867 and began the book store business which he successfully conducted until his death. He was the publisher of Davidson's History of South Carolina,' Stevens' History of the United States, a Lutheran hymn book and the Reynolds readers, and republished Ramsay's History of South Carolina. He has been an elder of the First Presbyterian church here since 1867, and has been for over forty years treasurer and director of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He was for years an alderman. a trustee of the city schooss, a director in the College for Women and the Carolina National Bank, and was an influential citizen. He leaves a large fortune, having been possessed of about 25,000 acres of land in various portions of the State. He was twice married, Miss Mary I. Koon, of this city, being his first wife. Of this issue Wm. K. Duffie, of this city; Mrs. J. S. Lindsay, of Chester; Sam J. Duffie, of Texas; Dr. Silas J. Duffie, of New Orleans, and Mrs. D. M. Fulton, of Darlington, survive. His second wife was Miss Mary Bellamy, sister of Congressman Bellamy, of North Carolina. Of this issue two daughters, Misses Elise and Ellen, survive.

— "Here, Maria! Send up a peck or two of corn dodgers an' a hunk o' meat to Joseph!" "Lan' sakes! Why can't he come to table?" "Kaze he's locked himself in his room, an' is expressin' of himself in poetry!"—*Atlanta Constitution.*

BRADLEY J. WOOTTEN

Sad Death Sunday of Brave Young Soldier in the Service of His Country.

FUNERAL HERE SATURDAY.

Distressing Intelligence Reached Wilmington After His Father Had Left for His Bedside—Brilliant Career as an Officer and Man.

As forshadowed by cablegram advices to the family Saturday morning and evening, the death of Lieutenant Bradley Jewett Wootten occurred at 10 o'clock Sunday morning in a hospital at Columbia Barracks, seven miles from Havana, Cuba, after a long and painful illness with appendicitis.

The distressing news to the family and to hundreds of friends in Wilmington reached here Sunday night at 8 o'clock through the medium of a cablegram from Mrs. Wootten, who has been with her young husband since he became seriously ill about eight weeks ago. The announcement of the death of one so young and with such bright promise of life cast a pall of sadness over the entire community, and yesterday expressions of deep regret at the untimely demise were universal. Few young men had more friends than Bradley Wootten, and all were warm ones. He had a genial, sunshiny disposition, a high sense of honor, and his character was above reproach. As a soldier he was gallant, faithful, courageous and brave.

Lieut. Wootten became ill with a third attack of appendicitis soon after his assignment to duty as second lieutenant with the Seventh U. S. Cavalry, near Havana, Cuba, a little more than eight weeks ago. His condition was extremely critical and an operation for the terrible disease which had fastened upon him was performed. His wife went to his bedside immediately his condition became known to her and bravely she has remained with him since. For a time it was thought Lieut. Wootten was doing remarkably well. At one time he was able to be taken upon his cot on the piazza, and preparations were being made so that he could go home after the holidays on a sick furlough. He received the very best surgical attention and the tender care and nursing of a devoted young wife, but complications set in some days ago and physicians began to look upon his case as hopeless. Surgeons talked of another operation, but it was seen that it would avail nothing and without it there was a bare chance of his life.

Lieut. Wootten was the eldest son of Rev. Edward and Mrs. Eliza Yonge Wootten and was born at Woodville, Bertie county, Oct. 12th, 1876. He was, therefore, in the 26th year of his age. His early life was spent at Statesville, Seaford, Deleware and Bolivar, Tenn. The family removed to Wilmington about ten years ago and Lieut. Wootten received much of his preparatory education at the celebrated Cape Fear Academy, of which Prof. Washington Catlett has been principal for many years. He next spent a year at Harner's school and there received his first impresions of military life, which brought him distinction and honor afterwards. His final education was received at the A. and M. College, Raleigh, from which institution he graduated with distinguished honors in 1897, after a brilliant career as a student for four years. He was cadet major of the battalion, president for one or more terms of his class and was a member of the Sigma Nu Greek letter fraternity. He was exceedingly popular at college, and the news from Raleigh is that the announcement of his death there was a signal for outward and inward expressions of very profound sorrow.

While yet at college the Spanish-American war broke out in 1898 and Lieut. Wootten was one of the first to offer his services to his country. April 27th, 1898, he was commissioned by the Governor as Adjutant of the third battalion, Second Regiment, N. C., U. S. V. He served in that position with fidelity and courage and toward the close of the short struggle was sent with Maj. Jno. W. Cotton with the Tarboro and Greenville companies of the regiment to St. Augustine. There he was seized with a desperate attack of typhoid fever from which it was thought for many days he would not recover. Several times it was reported and published in the papers that he had died, but at the close of the war he was brought home and was soon convalescent. In a few weeks Lieut. Wootten was made adjutant of the third battalion, Second Regiment, North Carolina State Guard, and about the same time, in January 1899, his eminent knowledge of military affairs was recognized in an appointment to an instructor's chair in the faculty of his alma mater, the A. & M. College. In July following when there was a call to the Philippines he resigned his position at the College and with the State Guard, and was appointed first lieutenant of the 28th Infantry, U. S. V. The following July he was brevetted captain for gallant and distinguished service on the field, and served there for two years.

When mustered out of the service in San Francisco last May the endorsement upon the discharge was, "Character excellent, service honest and faithful." Last August Lieut. Wootten received appointment to a second lieutenancy in the regular army and was assigned to duty with the Seventh U. S. cavalry, which was Custer's old command. From this service he was taken to Heaven for a rich reward for deeds done in the body.

His death now, so young in life and cut down in the bloom of a brilliant career, is made even more sad for the loving young wife that is left to mourn her great loss. August 1st, this year, Lieut. Wootten was married to Miss Neafield Green Cotchett, the beautiful and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Cotchett. After a very short bridal tour, the happy couple returned to Wilmington, and Lieut. Wootten was ordered to his command as stated above. Mrs. Wootten expected to join her husband when the Summer season was ended, but sooner came the summons to go to the sick bedside of the one above all others to whom she was devoted. She went to Cuba soon after Lent. Wootten became ill, and has been constantly with him since. Lieut. Wootten leaves to mourn his death besides the sorrowing young wife, his parents and four sisters and one brother, Misses Lucy Owen, Mary M., Amoret and Anna E. Wootten, and Edward Yonge Wootten. The last named was a student of the A. and M. College and came home Sunday upon hearing of the expected death of his brother.

Rev. Edward Wootten was on his way to the bedside of his son when news came to Wilmington of the death. He was telegraphed the sad intelligence from Wilmington yesterday and will likely await the bringing of the body to Tampa, accompanied by Mrs. Wootten and a military escort, and come with them to Wilmington.

A cablegram from Mrs. Wootten yesterday afternoon stated that the remains would be embalmed and leave Havana for Wilmington Wednesday, arriving here Friday night at 11:30 o'clock on the Southern train. The funeral arrangements will be made later.

HOLIDAY SHIPMENTS BEGUN

Express Company, Postoffice and All Transportation Lines Are Very Busy.

The Southern Express Company, the railway lines, the postoffice, and, in fact, every transportation institution are just now entering upon their holiday business. There is a rush with the companies at this season of the year, the Express Company being kept particularly busy. There will be little rest for the company's employes until after the holidays, for there will be a constant stream of business from this time.

During the Christmas holidays the number of packages handled by the postoffice and express company is increased many times over the usual daily business. This is largely due to the sending and receiving of Christmas presents. The great general impetus that is given to trade has much to do with it. One prime feature of the express business is the jug movement, for whiskey is shipped in great quantities during the holidays to residents of those counties wherein the prohibition laws operate.

With the railways there will be an impetus given to the passenger traffic because of the reduced rates. For students, these rates became effective Dec. 16th, lasting until Jan. 8th. For the general public they will not become effective until Dec. 23rd, when they will last until Jan. 3rd. One and one-third fares for a round trip will be the rate.

FRONT STREET PROPERTY TRANSFER.

Mrs M. M. Bell Purchased Lot On Corner of Front and Church Streets.

The real estate agency of J. G. Wright & Son yesterday effected the sale of the valuable lot and brick building on Northeast corner of Front and Church streets. The property was purchased by Mrs. M. M. Bell from Mr. M. O'Brien and the consideration was $3,250. The lot fronts 66 feet on Front street and runs back into the block 80 feet.

The same agency yestesday sold for Mrs. Bell to Mr. O'Brien, the residence and lot, 33x66 feet in size, on north side of Church between Third and Fourth streets; consideration $1,000.

Another Child Burned to Death.

Mr. Oscar Croom, who drives one of the city carts, reported yesterday another horrible burning to death of a negro child in the extreme eastern section of the city. He was driving out in the vicinity of Thirteenth and Princess streets about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and was attracted by cries of colored people in the vicinity. He went to the scene and found that a negro child about two years old had fallen into a fire in the yard and was burned to death. The child was lying in the yard in a horribly burned condition when Mr. Croom reached the scene, and the parents were standing by almost distracted with grief.

Funeral of Mrs. Stolter.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Rebecca C. Stolter, whose death has been chronicled in these columns, was held at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon from St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church in the presence of a large congregation of friends of the deceased and family. Impressive services were conducted by Dr. A. G. Voigt, the pastor, and the hymns were beautifully rendered by the church choir. The floral emblems were numerous and pretty. The interment was in Oakdale cemetery, the following having acted as pall bearers: Messrs. Martin Rathjen, Geo. Tienken, F. W. Ortmann, J. W. Duls, Peter Mohr and J. G. L. Gieschen.

Will Go to Albemarle.

Rev. R. H. Herring, who lately resigned the pastorate of Southside Baptist Church, has accepted a call to Albemarle, N. C., and will go to his new work Jan. 1st. He will preach at his church in Wilmington the two remaining Sundays in this month, returning to the city next Friday from Mt. Airy, where he and his wife are now visiting his mother. Mr. and Mrs. Herring lately attended the Baptist State Convention at Winston.

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HOLIDAY WEDDINGS.

Nuptial Events in Adjoining Towns That Have Interest for Wilmingtonians.

Miss McDiarmid Became Bride of Mr. Johnston, at Fayetteville—Mr. Cooper, of Wilmington, Weds Miss Southerland, of Kenansville.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

KENANSVILLE, N. C., Dec. 18.—The Presbyterian church was the scene of a beautiful wedding this evening at 6 o'clock, the contracting parties being Miss Annie Southerland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Southerland and a popular young lady of our village, and Mr. L. Willard Cooper, a prominent young business man of Wilmington, N. C. The church was very artistically decorated with bamboo and holly and was filled to overflowing with friends of the happy young couple.

The groom entered with his best man, Mr. John Freeman, of Wilmington. The bride came down the middle aisle, dressed in a handsome going-away caster dress, accompanied by her brother, Mr. John Southerland, who gave her away. They were preceded by the bridesmaids, Misses Mary Cooper and Mariah Loftin and the two little flower girls.

The marriage ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. W. M. Shaw, pastor of the bride. The ushers were Messrs. Nick Shine, A. F. Williams, Jr., Herbert Smith, Ed. Jones, of Wilmington, Charles Southerland and D. L. Carlton.

The wedding marches were charmingly rendered by Miss Emma Cooper. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom left for Charleston, S. C., via Goldsboro, where they will spend some time at the Charleston Exposition, later returning to Wilmington, where they will reside in the future.

Another wedding was celebrated yesterday in an adjoining city that has much interest in it for friends in Wilmington. The STAR takes the following account of the ceremony from yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville *Observer*:

"The marriage of Mr. E. A. Johnston and Miss Janie McDiarmid attracted to the Presbyterian church, at 10 o'clock this morning, a very large concourse of people, to witness one of the most striking and beautiful wedding ceremonies in the social history of Fayetteville. The ceremony was impressively performed by the scholarly Rev. David M. Fairley, the beloved pastor of the bride, assisted by Rev. H. T. Graham, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

"The bride entered the church, escorted by her brother, Mr. James Colin McDiarmid, who gave her away, and she wore a Parisian gown of salmon cloth, trimmed in black and white applique. Her bouquet was of bride roses. The groomsmen, who were in morning dress, wearing frock coats, with boutonnieries of lilies of the valley, and the bridesmaids who wore white embroidered mousselaine over taffeta, with Nile green sashes and black picture hats and carried American beauty roses—were as follows, entering on opposite aisles:

"Miss Janie Fairley and Mr. Frank Patterson, of Baltimore; Miss Essie Johnston, of Liverpool, and Mr. Louis B. Hale; Miss Elizabeth Williams and Mr. Griswold Phelin, of Baltimore; Miss Annabelle Devane and Mr. Jno. K. Williams, of Wilmington; Miss Ellen Underwood and Mr. Wm Grenshaw, of Baltimore; Miss Martha Williams, of Wilmington, and Mr. Ernest Dinning, of Baltimore; Miss Beatrice Patterson, of Baltimore, and Mr. Arthur Butler Williams, Jr.

"The best man was the groom's brother, Mr. William Stewart Johnston, and the maid of honor was Miss Eloise McDiarmid, carrying bride roses. Beautiful features of the ceremony were Mr. A. M. Fairley, ring-bearer, and Miss Mary Williams, flower girl, with lilies of the valley.

"Mr. and Mrs. Johnston left on the 12:40 o'clock train for a honeymoon journey North.

"Mr. Johnston, of Liverpool, Eng., whose father is the wealthy owner of a line of ocean steamers, has recently made his home among us, buying extensive and valuable property, and he has made many friends by his admirable and attractive gifts. Miss McDiarmid, the lovely bride, is of a very prominent upper Cape Fear family, and is a favorite in the social circles of the State."

— Kinston *Free Press*: At Grifton, Sunday afternoon, Will White and Lias Coward severely beat Hyman Slack, all colored, and he is not expected to live. Shack lost an eye and was probably injured internally. —— A negro named Daniel Williams was shot and probably fatally wounded at Grifton yesterday by a white man named George Lilly. The shooting occurred in an oyster saloon kept by Chris. Moore, colored. Lilly had been drinking heavily and went into Moore's place for some oysters, and while in there he and Moore became engaged in an alteration, during which Lilly pulled his pistol and shot at Moore, but missed him and struck Williams, who was standing near, but who had nothing whatever to do with the quarrel.

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— Sandy Pikes—Say, Billy, dere was only one time in me career when I'd like to been inside out. Billy Goalgate—When was dat, pard? Sandy Pikes—When dey took me to de hospital an' rubbed me down wid alcohol.—*Exchange.*

BURNED TO DEATH.

Three-Year-Old Child in Mother's Brief Absence Was Horribly Charred.

FELL INTO BURNING EMBERS.

Face, Neck, Shoulders and Hands Were Beyond Recognition—Remains Laid to Rest Yesterday Evening—The Mother Almost Prostrated.

Left by its mother for an instant David Harper, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. David Jamison, No. 816 South Eighth street, fell into the fire and was horribly burned about the face, neck, shoulders and arms, causing his death almost instantly early yesterday morning.

Mrs. Jamison and her little son were alone in the house and the mother went to a yard next door for a pail of water. She was away an incomparably short time and re-entering her room she was horrified to find the boy lying face foremost in a bed of burning embers in the open fire place. She rushed to him at once and lifted the form in her arms, but the boy gasped three times and was dead.

Mrs. Jamison laid the little corpse upon a bed in the room and rushed to a neighbor's house in her frantic grief to telephone for a physician but it was too late as the soul of her boy had already taken its flight. The child was most probably standing before the fire and lost his balance, going headlong into the hot bed of coals. His face, neck and shoulders were badly charred and almost beyond recognition. The eyes were completely burned out. The mother is prostrated with grief and she and the husband have the sincerest sympathy of all who will hear of the distressing accident.

Mr. Jamison is employed by the Wilmington Sewerage Company and he, too, felt keenly the horrible affair by which the little son was taken from his household.

The remains were prepared for burial and laid to rest by Undertaker W. W. King yesterday afternoon.

Selling Beer on Sunday.

Gussie Grier, the white woman charged with selling beer on Sunday, waived a preliminary examination in the police court yesterday and gave bond in the sum of $100 for her appearance at the January term of Superior Court. City Attorney Bellamy prosecuted the case and Herbert McClammy, Esq., appeared for the defendant.

—— Three handsome new passenger coaches built in the Wilmington shops were attached to the northbound A. C. L. train yesterday morning for use on the "shoo-fly" between Goldsboro and Norfolk. One of them is of the new vestibule pattern, and all of them reflect much credit upon the A. C. L. workmen here.

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Entered Plea of Not Guilty to Charge of Killing Her Husband.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Dec. 18.—This afternoon Mrs. Hooks, wife of the late Cerro Gordo Hooks, appeared in the Criminal court room and through her attorneys entered a plea of not guilty to the indictment charging her with the killing of her husband by means of poison. Mrs. Hooks, in deep mourning and heavily veiled, entered the court room with several friends, including the Rev. Dr. Neel and her attorneys. The reading of the indictment was waived. Attorney General Yerker has announced that the case will probably be called for trial on or about January 15th.

CHILI AND ARGENTINA.

Efforts to Effect a Peaceful Settlement of the Trouble.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 18.—it is asserted here that Chili will not reject the modifications to the original Chilian note suggested by Argentina, but that she will make certain objections thereto which will render necessary further conferences and discussions. It is conceded, however, that even these objections from Chili set forth the country's sincere desire to effect a peaceful settlement of the trouble.

The *Diario* publishes a telegram from Valparaiso to the effect that Chili has succeeded in concluding negotiations for the purchase of the Russian battleship Retvizan.

THE TOBACCO TRUST.

President Duke Buying Cigarette Factories in Berlin and St. Petersburg.

By Cable to the Morning Star

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—The *Kleines Journal* says: President Duke, of the American Tobacco Company, has acquired the Jasmatzi Cigarette Company of Dresden, and the factory of Kyriazi Brothers of Berlin. Two other Dresden concerns, La Ferme and Sulima, will be amalgamated and will then be absorbed by the American Tobacco Company.

Mr. Duke, who has been spending several days in Berlin, has gone to St. Petersburg for the purpose of buying cigarette factories there.

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RIOTING IN BIRMINGHAM.

David Lloyd George, M. P., Mobbed—Town Hall Wrecked and a Number of People Injured.

By Cable to the Morning Star

LONDON, Dec. 18.—David Lloyd George, M. P., in speaking in Birmingham town hall to night precipitated a scene unprecedented in that city since the Aston Park riots.

The majority of the audience were hostile to the speaker and were enraged by his pro-Boer and anti-Chamberlain utterances. They rushed the police cordon guarding the platform. In the meanwhile the building was besieged from the outside by a mob of several thousand people, who smashed windows and tried to force the doors which had been barricaded. They fusiladed the audience with stones through the windows.

The police reserves were turned out and succeeded in dispersing the mob after repeated charges. A number of persons were injured and the town hall was completely wrecked. Not a single window was left whole.

Mr. Lloyd George and his friends were compelled to retreat to an inner room for safety. They were unable to leave the building for fear of mob violence and were thus kept prisoners uutil a late hour when Mr. Lloyd George, disguised as a chief constable, left the town hall with a posse of policemen. Many constables were seriously injured in their attempts to clear the streets, which they did not succeed in doing until a heavy downfall of rain and sleet came to their assistance.

It is rumored that one civilian has died of injuries received. Several arrests for resisting the police have been made.

At a meeting held outside the town hall resolutions of confidence in the government were adopted. This meeting sent the following telegram to Mr. Chamberlain:

"Lloyd George, the traitor, was not allowed to say a word. The citizens have passed a resolution expressing confidence in the government, and their admiration of your unique and fearless services for king and country."

Estimates of the numbers of the demonstrators vary from 10,000 to 50,000 persons.

ADVICES FROM MANILA.

Skirmishes in Batangas Province—Several Filipinos Killed—A Few Americans Were Wounded.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MANILA, Dec. 18.—There were six skirmishes in various parts of Batangas province yesterday. The insurgents do not make a single stand. Several Filipinos were killed. The Americans had only a few men wounded. Additional troops have been sent to Gen. Bell, who is carrying on an aggressive campaign in Batangas, Tayabas and Lagua provinces. General Smith has recommended Private Heintz, of the medical service of the army, for a medal of honor as a reward for heroism at the battle of Ganda river, Island of Samar. Heintz fought as long as he was able, while shot through both arms and with a bad bolo slash in the back. After recovering from a fainting spell, with both arms in slings, Heintz directed the work of carrying the wounded until they arrived at Calbayoga.

Sixto Lopez, Aguinaldo's former secretary, has again requested permission to land here under military protection without taking the oath of allegiance to the United States, which he says would nullify his influence with the Filipinos. Lopez offers to act as a peace commissioner. Gen. Chaffee has emphatically refused Lopez's request.

DAUGHTERS OF CONFEDERACY.

Trying to Secure Removal of Bodies of Confederates From Germantown, Pa.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The President received a call to-day from Mrs. J. T. Halsey and Mrs. Ashby Blythe, president and secretary, respectively, of the Gen. Dabney A. Maury Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, of Philadelphia. Mrs. Halsey and Mrs. Blythe came to Washington to consult the President and Secretary of War regarding removal to Richmond of the bodies of 124 unknown Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery at Germantown, Pa. The President and Secretary of War do not have authority to grant the removal, but Senator Pritchard will introduce a joint resolution in Congress granting authority for the removal. The bodies of the unknown soldiers were originally buried at Bristol, Tenn., but were removed to Germantown.

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