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THE NEGRO IN JAMAICA AND THE UNITED STATES.

In the current number of The North American Review there is an exhaustive and an interestingly presented article on the negro problem by Mr. Alfred R. Colquhoun, a distinguished English writer and traveler. He has travelled the world over, not simply to travel and see, as many do, but to observe and study the countries he visits and the people he goes among.

AS AN UPLIFTER.

The Topeka, Kansas, State Journal editor isn't one of the fellows who agree with Dr. Parkhurst that President Roosevelt is an "accident," but on the contrary believes that he is the whole thing and as an uplifter without a peer now or hereafter. His swing round has been an uplifting tour from the very beginning, but this seems to have escaped most people, many of whom saw in it a tour mainly for the uplifting of the strenuous tourist, until he struck Topeka, and left his uplifting impress upon that community where all at once it struck the editor of the Journal who heralded it in the following, which we present framed in the comments of the New York Sun, which is a warm admirer (in its characteristic way) of the distinguished uplifter.

of his fellow citizens and school children and leaving good in every town from which his train pulls out.

And in uplifting the country he is necessarily uplifting himself. By a beautiful consequence, in doing good to others he does good to himself.

APPROACHING A CRISIS.

It seems from the latest dispatches in reference to the situation in Manchuria that Russia has thrown off the mask and is preparing for action, to hold her grip by force, if the protesting powers appeal to force. While China will be pushed forward by the interested powers, she will be an insignificant factor in the game, for the real factors on one side will be Great Britain, Japan and the United States, although poor old China will have to bear the brunt of the racket.

But in the event of a clash will be China, backed by Great Britain, Japan and the United States, against Russia lone-handed?

Where will Kaiser William be quoted as saying that he isn't interested in the Manchurian business to the extent of taking an active part in it, which simply means that there is a secret understanding between him and the Czar, while Russia and France have an alliance that may bring her into the rumpus before it progresses far, and the upshot may be, if the clash does come, that before it progresses far we may find Great Britain, Japan, the United States and China on one side, and on the other Russia, Germany and France, and then we would have a Titanic struggle, all about trade in China, which would make China's trade a very costly business.

A Morrisseton, N. J., woman, who had a husband who wasn't over fond of work, found herself a grass widow about eleven months ago, when he lit out for new pastures, the only word he left being that he would never come back until he could bring a turkey with him.

A few days ago a dressed turkey came by express from Sister's Lake, in Michigan, accompanied by a note telling her that he had met "Uncle George" and for her to come right on and bring the kids with her. She didn't see the wherewith with which to do that, but when she came to fix up that turkey for a roast she found it already stuffed, with a wad of bank bills, one of hubby's little jokes. She and the kids ate the turkey and are presumably by this time at Sister's Lake, Mich.

ONLY ONE STATE BANK EXAMINER.

Jao. O. Ellington, of Smithfield, Appointed. Col. Pearsall's Brother Dead. [Special Star Telegram.] RALEIGH, N. C., May 7.—The North Carolina Corporation Commission today appointed Jao. O. Ellington, of Smithfield, State Bank Examiner, under the new act reducing the number of examiners from five to one. The change was made by the Legislature in accordance with the resolution adopted by the State Bankers' Association.

Some time ago a Chicago architect declared that the steel structures in that city were being destroyed by an insect that bored into the steel; and since, a committee of architects in New York says that if a steel frame building be placed on a cement foundation, resting on work or upon cement piling and covered with paint, it will last forever.

It is said that old mads are few and far between in Armenia, for the reason that if a girl isn't engaged by the time she reaches seventeen years she is forced to fast three days, and then for twenty-four hours is fed on salt fish and are not allowed anything to quench her thirst. They consider almost any kind of a fellow preferable to a salting like that.

A negro mob in Delaware attacked a circus man who had been a soldier in the Philippines and didn't discover their mistake until four of them were laid out dead with bullets in them.

STRAWBERRY CROP.

Volume of Shipments This Season Are Much in Advance of Last Year. SOME OFFICIAL FIGURES.

Carolina Fruit and Truck Growers' Journal Gives a General View of the Situation—Prospect for Vegetable Production and Prices.

Shipping Master H. T. Bauman, of East Carolina Truck and Fruit Growers' Association, advises the "Carolina Fruit and Truck Growers' Journal," from South Rocky Mount, that the strawberry movement in refrigerated cars this season, up to and including May 8th, has been as follows: From W. C. & A. Railroad, Chadbourn section, 598 cars; Florence, Lake City and Latta, S. O. section, 98 cars; A. & Y. Railroad, 9 cars, or a total of 1,397 cars, against 1,173 cars for the entire movement last year.

Commenting upon these figures the Journal in its issue of to-morrow will editorially say: "In addition to this it is safe to say that the W. & W. R. E. will ship all through next week and some more or less shipments will go forward during the same time from points on the other divisions, sufficient to run the number of cars by the Fruit Growers' Express movement up to 1,500 at least. Shipments will likely continue from different points in this territory up to the 25th. The express shipments also show a good, healthy increase in volume this year over last, though not quite so much as the increase by the refrigerator line or Fruit Growers' Express. Mr. Buckner, the new superintendent for this territory, reports a very satisfactory season's operations for the Southern Express Company, however. Although the first shipment of berries did not yield such returns as the growers had confidently looked forward to, nevertheless the season has been much longer than usual, and the total amount of business will be so largely in excess of last year that it is safe to say that fully as much money will be distributed down here among the growers as a whole for the 1903 crop as was received by them last year.

Of course the profits will not be so great to the producer, but where they have lost in one way they have in part made good the loss otherwise. With anything like good prices for the vegetable and potato crops, the growers will again be in the saddle."

The outlook is favorable for a good cantaloupe and melon crop, while blackberries have already begun to move, and the crop this year will be about up to the average for this variety of fruit in this section. The potato crop is improving very much as the season wears on under better weather conditions in the various districts of the West and middle West, here have been engaged several days now in the work of replanting potato fields, all of which will come along a little later. In fact, it would seem from present indications that the Irish potato crop in North Carolina will be about the largest in any part of the country, and is expected to yield the growers some very handsome returns. Huckleberries will be coming on a little later, also, although the crop this year will be very much short of last year, we should say as much as 25 to 35 per cent. There will be a good many huckleberries, however, as the first reports of damage by frost were somewhat exaggerated.

MISSING FROM HOME.

Mr. Ellis Scott, wife of Mr. E. Scott, living at Long Creek, Pender county, 10 miles from Wilmington, left home last Wednesday morning, and has not been seen since by any of her family. She was seen by several persons coming in the direction of Wilmington and information as to her whereabouts is being sought here. She is 37 years of age and weighs about 175 pounds. No reason is known for her leaving home. She was without money and had nothing with her but the clothing she wore. She was dressed in a calico frock and wore a black sailor hat. She has several children. Mr. Scott came to Wilmington yesterday in search of his wife, but could learn nothing as to her whereabouts.

Big Lumber Plant Sold.

Mrs. Preston L. Bridgers, who owned a majority of the stock, has sold the extensive plant of the Bridgers-McKeithan Lumber Company, at Lumber, S. C., to Mr. Ernest Williams, of Lynchburg, Va., and a Mr. Barr, of Norfolk, wealthy and experienced mill men who will continue the business. Mr. W. W. McKeithan, the minority stockholder in the mill, will continue as vice president and general manager.

Run Away From Home.

Newbern Journal: "A young female, who ran away from her parents at Wilmington some time ago and who has been living here in disparate places, was found by her mother with the assistance of the police, and will be taken back to Wilmington today. The mother appeared to be a very respectable woman and was sadly grieved at the conduct of her daughter."

License was issued yesterday for the marriage of Miss Mamie Orsag, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Orsag, and Henry Ferguson, both of Masonboro township.

RETURNED FROM BIG POW WOW.

Wilmington Representatives Back from Great Council of Red Men. Past Great Sachem W. H. Lane, Capt. J. M. McGowan, Mr. E. P. H. Struck and Mr. J. A. Dean have returned from Washington, N. C., where they attended the Great Council, Improved Order of Red Men. They all report a delightful time and speak in loud praise of the hospitality of the people of Washington. The next Great Council meeting will be in Charlotte.

Wilmington representatives were well honored with offices, Mr. Struck having been chosen Great Keeper of Wampum. Mr. Dean having been made Great Guard of the Wigwag and Captain McGowan having been appointed on a number of the leading standing committees. Mr. Lane at the meeting retired from a year's service in the highest office in the gift of the Great Council.

Other officers elected were as follows: C. T. Buckham, Great Sachem, Washington, N. C.; A. Bunn, Great Senior Sagamore, Charlotte; Geo. L. Tompkins, Great Junior Sagamore, Raleigh; W. E. Goodwin, Great Chief of Records, Elizabeth City; E. W. Wray, Great Sannap, Wilmington, N. C.; Wesley Williams, Great Mithnaw, Elizabeth City; E. A. Coward, Great Guard, of the Forest, Spray.

MILLIONS IN INSURANCE.

Wilmington Led All Cities in Claims Paid During 1902—The Figures.

The Insurance Press, of New York, has recently issued a table of valuable statistics in regard to life insurance in the United States. That part of the report relating to this State shows that policy holders and beneficiaries of all kinds in North Carolina received in 1902, \$1,608,749.

Wilmington leads all cities and towns in the amount received, which is \$189,740, while Raleigh received \$66,201. Durham, \$54,000; Winston, \$43,077; Charlotte, \$41,533; Greensboro, \$41,380; Asheville, \$38,000; Lumberton, \$35,000; Elizabeth City, \$34,000; Hendersonville, \$31,886; Fayetteville, \$27,840; Newbern, \$26,000; Edenton, \$26,697; Washington, \$23,080; Salisbury, \$22,000; Goldsboro, \$21,000; Gastonia, \$14,000; Sanford, \$13,000; Rockingham, \$13,990; Chapel Hill, \$13,243; Nashvill, \$11,000; Wadesboro, \$10,000.

The largest individual claim paid in the State during the year was upon the life of the late Preston L. Bridgers, of Wilmington—\$85,300.

LIGHT INFANTRY SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

Pleasant Outing at Lake Waccamaw on the 20th of May—Special Train.

The general arrangement committee, consisting of Capt. A. P. Adrian and Messrs. Geo. P. James, Roger Moore, J. McKee Hatch and Thos. Orrell, have great plans perfected for the semi-centennial celebration of the Wilmington Light Infantry at Lake Waccamaw on May 30th. For the occasion a special train will leave the city over the Atlantic Coast Line at 8:30 A. M. with plenty of accommodation for all who desire to attend. Returning to Wilmington, the train will leave the lake at 6 P. M. The fare for the round trip will be only \$1.

The amusements on the grounds will be a target shoot, a base ball game, tennis, tournament and other athletic exercises. Every friend of the Light Infantry is cordially invited.

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BOILER EXPLOSION.

One Dead and Several Injured as the Result of a Terrible Accident Down the River. Engineer J. Augustus Dickey Scalded to Death—Two Firemen and a Cook Also Badly Burned—Patients in Marine Hospital Here.

ON A GOVERNMENT TUG.

One dead and three others more or less injured—One perhaps fatally—is the result of a fearful boiler explosion on the government tug Cynthia, ten miles below the city, nearly opposite Carolina Beach pier, Friday afternoon at twenty minutes before 2 o'clock. The dead man is Engineer J. Augustus Dickey, son of Wilmington's esteemed citizen, Capt. P. T. Dickey, and the injured are Fireman John Warren, white, originally of Sampson county, F. W. Jackson, colored, of Southport, and Cook Ambrose Lovinier, of 604 South Front street, this city. The Cynthia at the time of the accident was engaged in towing mud scows from the government dredge Ajax, which has been at work some time on the upper reach of Lilliput shoals, in the Cape Fear river, about the location given above. The tug was returning to the dredge for another scow and when about one thousand yards away the boiler blew open through the crown sheet, without a moment's notice. Engineer Dickey was in the engine room, separated from the boiler by a partition, but he was literally burned alive by the steam. The colored fireman, Jackson, was below deck aft and was next worst injured. He is scalded all over the body and will probably die, according to reports last night from the Marine Hospital, to which he was sent upon being brought to the city. The other fireman, John Warren, white, was seated on the rail, opposite the boiler room, when the explosion came and he, too, is badly scalded about the face and chest, but is in no danger. He is also at the Marine Hospital, where he was reported as doing very well last night.

COOK LOVINIER WAS PASSING THE BOILER ROOM DOOR, OPPOSITE FIREMAN WARREN, WHEN THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED AND BOTH MEN WERE BLOWN OVERBOARD. MR. LOVINIER IS AT HIS HOME ON SOUTH FRONT STREET, AND IS BEING ATTENDED BY DR. WRIGHT HALL. HE IS BADLY SCALDED ON THE FACE, NECK, HANDS AND FROM THE KNEES DOWN. A REPORTER OF THE STAR VISITED THE INJURED MAN AT HIS HOME FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND RECEIVED A GRAPHIC ACCOUNT OF THE ACCIDENT. MR. LOVINIER SAID THE MEN HAD NOT THE LEAST INTIMATION THAT ANYTHING WAS WRONG WHEN THE TUG WAS GREAT BURSTING OF STEAM. HE WAS IN THE WATER BEFORE HE RECOGNIZED THAT HAD HAPPENED AND CLUNG TO A HATCH THAT HAD ALSO BEEN BLOWN OVERBOARD. FIREMAN WARREN SWAM BACK TO THE TUG AND WAS PULLED ABOARD BY CAPT. JESSE D. PRICE, WHO WAS IN COMMAND AND ESCAPED UNINJURED BY BEING IN THE PILOT HOUSE. THREE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CREW, MAE JAO. W. FOREMAN, AND DECK HANDS CHAS. FULLWOOD, OF SOUTHPORT, AND ALFRED MILLINOR, OF WILMINGTON, WERE FORWARD AND ALSO ESCAPED. MR. LOVINIER, CLINGING TO THE HATCH, WAS RESCUED BY CAPT. D. B. BENDER, JR., AND CREW OF THE DREDGE AJAX, WHO CAME TO HIS ASSISTANCE IN A YAWL BOAT. THE DREDGE ALSO BLEW A DISTRESS SIGNAL AND CAPT. PRICE AND UNINJURED MEMBERS OF HIS CREW WORKED HEROICALLY TO GET THE ENGINEER AND FIREMAN ON DECK AND MADE ALL AS COMFORTABLE AS POSSIBLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

A PILOT ON THE TUG ALEXANDER JONES, WHICH WAS PASSING AT SOME DISTANCE, SAW THE ACCIDENT AND CAPT. L. J. PEPPER, IN COMMAND, MADE ALL POSSIBLE HASTE TO GO TO THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DISABLED CRAFT. THE ENGINEER, THEN IN A DYING CONDITION, WAS PUT ABOARD THE TUG WITH THE OTHER INJURED MEN AND A RECORD TRIP WAS MADE TO THE GOVERNMENT YARDS IN THIS CITY. ENGINEER DICKEY DIED A FEW MINUTES AFTER DR. W. J. H. BELLAMY HAD REACHED THE SCENE AND BEFORE HE COULD BE REMOVED FROM THE BOAT. THE MARINE HOSPITAL AMBULANCE RESPONDED TO A HURRY CALL AND THE TWO FIREMEN WERE HASTENED TO THAT INSTITUTION. COOK LOVINIER WAS TAKEN TO HIS HOME ONLY A FEW BLOCKS DISTANT.

IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL SERVICES, ATTENDED BY MANY FRIENDS AND FELLOW LODGEMEN OF THE DECEASED, WERE CONDUCTED AT 8 O'CLOCK SATURDAY AFTERNOON OVER THE REMAINS OF THE LATE JESSE AUGUSTUS DICKEY, FROM THE RESIDENCE OF THE FAMILY, 109 CASTLE STREET, THE REV. C. P. PAUL, PASTOR OF SOUTHWEST BAPTIST CHURCH, OFFICIATING. THE TRAGIC CIRCUMSTANCES OF ENGINEER DICKEY'S DEATH ON THE TUG CYNTHIA FRIDAY AFTERNOON, COMBINED WITH THE POPULARITY OF THE DECEASED YOUNG MAN, MADE THE SERVICE A VERY INTERESTING AND IMPRESSIVE ONE.

CAPE FEAR LODGE OF ODD FELLOWS AND JEFF DAVIS COUNCIL, JUNIOR ORDER OF UNITED AMERICAN MECHANICS, OF WHICH ORDER THE DECEASED WAS A VALUED MEMBER, ASSEMBLED AT THEIR RESPECTIVE HALLS AND ATTENDED THE SERVICES IN A BODY.

LIVE OAK CAMP NO. 6, WOMEN OF THE WORLD, OF WHICH YOUNG MR. DICKEY WAS ALSO A MEMBER, SENT A COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE ORDER, COMPOSED OF MESSRS. JAO. E. WOOD, JAO. J. FOWLER, BENJ. BELL, JAMES H. BURRUS AND KELLY W. JEWELL, THE TWO LAST NAMED HAVING ACTED AS PALL-BEARERS. THE OTHER PALL-BEARERS WERE FROM CAPE FEAR LODGE, I. O. O. F., AND JEFF DAVIS COUNCIL, JR., O. U. A. M., MESSRS. B. E. PHELPS, WILBUR DOSHER AND DAVID K. LOGGWIN.

WILEY HARKER & CO. AND CAMP INTERESTS UNITED IN GIANT CORPORATION.

A Norfolk, Va., dispatch contains the following, which will be read with interest by the lumber trade throughout this section: There has been a consolidation of the big pine firms of Wiley, Harker and Camp, of New York, Peterburg and Norfolk, and the Camp Company, of Franklin, Va., the new firm being known as the Wiley, Harker and Camp Company. These large concerns manufacture North Carolina pine and successful consummation of the deal means much to the North Carolina pine interests. Wiley, Harker and Camp Company, with headquarters at New York City, handles upwards of two hundred million (200,000,000) feet per annum, with headquarters at New York City, Philadelphia, Pa., Baltimore, Md., Pittsburg, Pa., Norfolk, Va., and Peterburg, Va. This corporation will sell the entire products of Camp Manufacturing Company, the Wiley Company and Northrop mills at Wilmington, N. C., the output of McKenney planing mill, McKenney, Va., and Tunis Lumber Company, Norfolk, Va. The lumber holdings in Virginia and North Carolina are held in very few hands, not over ten (10) concerns controlling at least 80 to 90 per cent. of the entire output. The following are the officers of the Wiley, Harker and Camp Company: E. M. Wiley, president; R. J. Camp, vice-president; John Harker, secretary; Mr. A. B. Morgan, of Peterburg, Va., is manager of the Norfolk and Peterburg offices of the company.

A BRUTAL MURDER.

W. F. Creech Shot to Death by Spauld Kelly Near Camden, S. G.

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 7.—About nine miles from Camden yesterday, Spauld Kelly met W. F. Creech in the road, riding in a buggy with a friend. Without a word of warning Kelly stopped his horse, leveled his gun and fired. Creech, who was wounded, raised up and begged his assailant not to kill him, but Kelly fired a second time, passing by took the wounded man into his buggy and rode rapidly away. Kelly took his horse out of the buggy, mounted his own steed, and drove a vehicle for about three miles, when he overtook Creech and fired upon him with gun and pistol eight times, killing him despite his pleas for mercy. Creech was a Tennesseean. The trouble, it is said, was about Kelly's sister.

TRAGEDY AT PITTSBURG, PA.

J. F. Kuntz Shot His Wife Probably Fatally and Then Killed J. E. Walsh, of Whom He Was Jealous.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 9.—J. F. Kuntz put two bullets into the body of his wife, from the effects of which she may die, and then shot to death J. E. Walsh, a wealthy contractor of this city, of whom he was jealous. Since the death of Mrs. Walsh, six or eight months ago, Mrs. Kuntz has been employed as Mr. Walsh's helper. To the station house Mrs. Kuntz was walking down the street together and Kuntz coming up behind the couple put a bullet in Walsh's chest. The station house crew more bullets into him to make his work sure. He then turned his attention to his wife and shot her a second time, but she was not killed. Mrs. Kuntz was arrested at the spot by the citizens, who were assisted by the shooting. He will make no statement, but it is believed that divorce proceedings instituted by his wife precipitated the trouble.

STRANDED ON OCAOACO.

Portuguese Barque With 240 Emigrants on board bound for New Bedford.

RALEIGH, May 9.—A special from Beaufort, N. C., says: The Portuguese bark Vera Cruz, from Cape Verde islands, bound for New Bedford, is stranded on Ocaoco bar, about two hundred yards from the beach. Her cargo consists of 240 emigrants, 100 oil and some bone. She carries two hundred and forty emigrants, mostly women, all Portuguese, bound for New Bedford. The station house crew at Portsmouth have rescued fifty passengers and landed them at Portsmouth where they will be taken care of. The crew will save the balance of the passengers and crew. The vessel is in a very dangerous position. The wind is strong from the northeast and the sea is very heavy.

TRAINS IN COLLISION.

Five Persons Killed and Several Others Were Injured.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 9.—A special to the Post-Standard from Malone says: A terrible head-on collision occurred at Nelson Lake, on the Mohawk and Malone railroad, this afternoon. Two passenger trains, travelling at a high rate, dashed into each other and five persons are reported dead and several injured. The scene of the wreck is about fifty miles from Utica, on the main line between Utica and Montreal. The disaster occurred on a curve where the locomotives and mail cars were badly wrecked. The mail compartments are reported to be in splinters and the loads of mail are buried in the debris.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

Will Not be a Candidate for Nomination to the Presidency.

MADISON, Wis., May 9.—Grover Cleveland, the president of the United States, will not be a candidate for nomination to the presidency before the Democratic National Convention. This is the opinion stated by William F. Vilas, former senator from Wisconsin, postmaster general and later secretary of the Interior in Cleveland's cabinet and one of the closest political and personal friends of the ex-President has in the country. Senator Vilas has recently visited the Cleveland home in Princeton, and passed several days in the company of the ex-President. He has recently corresponded with Cleveland, but neither the visitor nor letter received disclose any purpose on Mr. Cleveland's part to be a candidate.

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