

PRESIDENT GOMEZ SQUELCHES RACE QUESTION IN CUBA

Leaders in Agitation Put Under Arrest and Charges Preferred MOVEMENT LIKELY TO BREED REBELLION

Secret Societies of Negroes Have Been Drilling For an Uprising

HAVANA, April 23.—The culmination of the recent agitation of the race question in various parts of the Island which apparently was subsiding, was reached last night when Gen. Evaristo Estepa the leader of the independent party, and four of his associates were arrested.

Charges Preferred.

It is known that they include the holding of illegal meetings, for the purpose of arming the blacks against the whites, conspiracy with the same purpose, incendiary and seditious speeches and the publication by Estepa in his newspaper El Progreso of articles defamatory of the government and provocative of disorder.

BLACKENED RUINS ALL LEFT IN HEART OF LAKE CHARLES

Fire Leaves Broad Trail of Destruction From Center to Suburbs of Louisiana Town Causing Losses Amounting to Millions.

NEW ORLEANS, April 23.—Fire which broke out late this afternoon in Lake Charles, La., destroyed several blocks, including a Catholic convent.

METHODIST BISHOP NOT EMBEZZLER

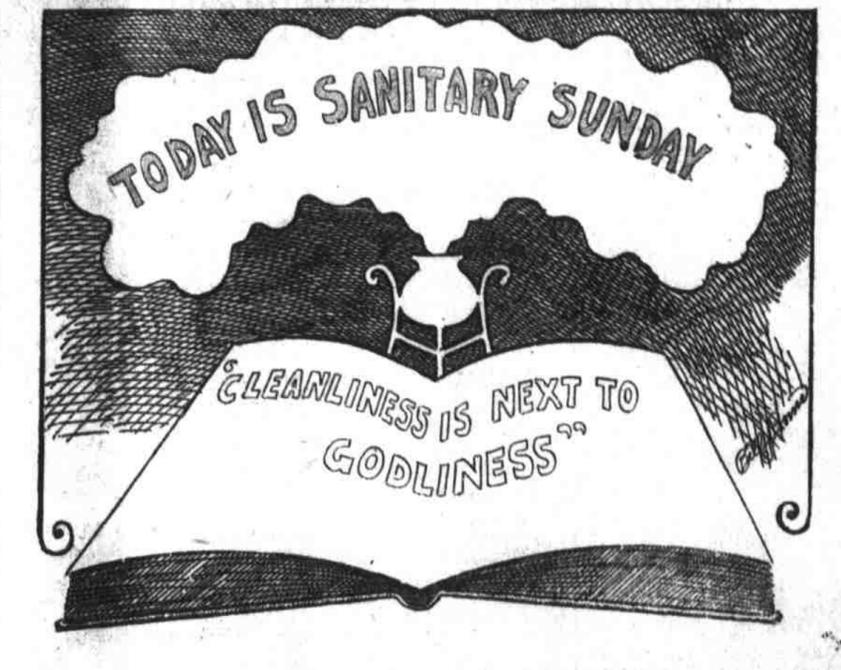
CAMDEN, N. J., April 23.—Immediately after today's session of the New Jersey conference of African Methodist church, the Rev. H. H. Morgan of Burlington arose and announced that he had withdrawn his charge of embezzlement against Bishop Wesley J. Gaines of Atlanta, and added that he was exceedingly sorry for what he had done and asked the bishop to forgive him.

PENSION BILL DAY IN LOWER HOUSE

WASHINGTON, April 23.—A large number of bills carrying pensions and private claims were passed by the House today.

SEN. DANIEL DOING WELL

SYNOPSIS, Va., April 23.—Several telegrams to the members of the Daniel family here today indicate that Senator Daniel is standing the trip home from Florida splendidly.



SCANDAL IN COTTON MARKET CAUSES INTERESTED ONES TO INVESTIGATE

Fraudulent Bills of Lading Hit New York Firms as Well as Those of Liverpool.—Southern Railway Tries to Ascertain How Far it and its Officials Are Involved.

LIVERPOOL, April 23.—The creditors of the Alabama cotton firm of Knight, Yancey & Co. are enlisting the aid of Liverpool banks in obtaining redress from American banks because of losses sustained through what are alleged to have been unutilized bills of lading.

Members of the cotton exchange and dealers in cotton are busily engaged today in trying to check up their holdings in cotton and telegraphing and writing to their agents all over the country in an effort to learn where their bills of lading are.

SOUTHERN INVESTIGATING WASHINGTON, April 23.—A committee quite out of the ordinary was created among officials of the Southern railway by the announcement today of the failure of Knight, Yancey & Co., large cotton buyers in the South, doing business with Boston and Liverpool. Conferences have

NEW YORK FIRM LOST. NEW YORK, April 23.—The extent of loss which may have been caused to American cotton firms

NEGRO BANDITS HOLD UP STREET CAR IN ATLANTA

Kill Motorman, and After Robbing Conductor, Shoot Him in the Back

CAR HAD REACHED END OF RUN IN SUBURBS

Conductor Gives Account of Shooting Before Becoming Unconscious

ATLANTA, April 23.—Conductor Bryson was killed and Motorman Brown seriously injured tonight by robbers who held up their car on the Lynd Hills line in a suburb of Atlanta tonight at 8 o'clock.

Both Carmen Shot. Motorman Brown was shot down as he started to re-enter his car, and with revolvers leveled at the conductor's head, he was ordered to throw up his hands.

Found by Co-Employees. The dead motorman and injured conductor were found by Motorman Tinsley and Conductor Royster, who were in charge of the car which reached the end of the line just twenty minutes later.

Before losing consciousness, Bryson told of the attack. "Motorman Brown was shot to death by the negroes," he said "and then they turned their attention to me. After taking all the money I had one of the negroes yelled 'hit the grit,' and while running I was shot in the back by one of the men. I didn't have an opportunity to get away."

HELD FOR VIOLATING THE NEUTRALITY LAWS

British Subject Alleged to Have Aided Nicaraguan Insurgents Under Bond

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 23.—Following a lengthy hearing before the United States commissioner at New Orleans, Captain John J. Hyland master of the steamer Venus, who was charged with violating the neutrality laws, was tonight held for a further hearing, his bond being fixed at \$5,000.

LEWIS' SHIMAN, a resident of New Orleans, who is said to have leased the vessel, was also held for a further hearing. His bond was fixed at \$1,000. Both Hyland and Kohlman will be arraigned before the United States commissioner next Monday morning.

GOVERNOR KITCHIN ISSUES COMMISSION TO COL. D. L. WARD IN 3d. DISTRICT

RALEIGH, N. C., April 23.—Governor Kitchin decided today to commission Colonel D. L. Ward, of Newbern, as judge of the Superior court in the third district comprising Craven, Jones, Pamlico, Pitt, Greene, Carter counties.

HE MAKES THIS APPOINTMENT on the ground that Ward submitted endorsements showing the strongest following in the district, and says this was done after the friends of other applicants had been accorded time to make special effort to counteract the representation of support.

THE ARCTIC CLUB OF NEW YORK and the National Geographic Society for the discovery of the South pole has been abandoned for this year at least.

THE ARCTIC CLUB has given up the idea and the society has notified Commander Peary who proposed it that it was unwilling to make the undertaking this year.

MOBILE REGISTER SOLD. MOBILE, April 23.—Frederick J. Thompson, of New York city has purchased a controlling interest in The Mobile Register and will take charge on Monday. He has not yet announced his plans.

DAUGHTERS CONTENT IN CENTRALIZED FORM OF THEIR ORGANIZATION

Decline to Adopt Amendment Permitting States to Select Regents

ADJOURN FINALLY

WASHINGTON, April 23.—With an animated discussion of "State Rights" as its finale, the sessions of the National Society of the Daughters of American Revolution passed into history today.

Among the state regents and vice regents elected were: Alabama—Mrs. Aurora P. McCollan (regent), Mrs. Mabel Hutton Hoode (vice regent).

Georgia—Mrs. Augusta Strong Graham, Mrs. Hoyt Brown.

Mississippi—Mrs. Annie K. Johnson, Mrs. Jean Davis Warren.

North Carolina—Mrs. Mary Gato Strattan Landonham, Mrs. Kate Biting Reynolds.

South Carolina—Mrs. F. Louise Over, Mrs. Lurline Mellichamp Lige.

SOUTH'S PROBLEM IS TO BUILD UP WHITE MAN TO POSITION OF DOMINANCE

Whites Living Among an Inferior Race are Apt to Grow Lax

ANTI-FUTURE LAW IS NO PROTECTION

STATESVILLE, N. C., April 23.—In the case of Carpenter, Baggett and company, New York brokers, against John F. Love, a cotton dealer of Gastonia, which was placed on trial in Federal court here, Thursday, the jury brought in a verdict this evening in favor of the plaintiff company, which brought suit against Love for \$4,735, this amount being due them on account of transactions in cotton futures which he had with the company.

ACQUITTED OF MURDER IN FEUD

SWAINSBORO, Ga., April 23.—Arraigned on the charge of murder as a result of the feud battle fought Sunday last in this county between the Collins and Lewis families in which Asa Collins and his son Wilson were killed, Jos. Lewis, his son George Lewis and George Hart were today acquitted.

VATICAN OFFENDED BY PRINCE OF MONACO, WHO WILL CALL ON THE KING

Is Going to Rome as Scientist and Not as a Ruler

PONTIFF CHIDES HIM

ROME, April 23.—The proposed visit of the Prince of Monaco to Rome has resulted in a new protest from the Vatican where the Prince's act is considered a personal offense to the pope. It was officially announced several days ago that the prince would arrive in Rome on April 4 and would be received by the king today.

NO ARBITRATOR CHOSEN.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—J. S. B. Thompson and J. J. Dermody, the arbitrators respectively for the Southern railway and the Order of Railway Telegraphers, today notified Chairman Knapp and Dr. Neill, mediators under the Erdman act, that they were unable to agree upon a third arbitrator.

NEGRO CONVICT ATTACKS HIS FELLOW PRISONER

Sol Sheperd in Thirty Years for Murler Gashes Prisoners' Throat with Razor

RALEIGH, N. C., April 23.—Sol Sheperd, the desperado negro convict, serving thirty years for the murder of Engineer Holt of the Southern railway, at Durham, made a murderous assault on Lewis Harris, a fellow convict in the barber shop of the penitentiary this afternoon, cutting Harris' throat almost from ear to ear and barely missing the jugular vein.

SIX GUESTS THOUGHT TO HAVE PERISHED IN FIRE

Cincinnati Hotel Burned and Six Persons who were in It Are Missing

RALEIGH, N. C., April 23.—Fire which broke out in the Hotel Thomas at Sixth and walnut streets at 11 o'clock tonight destroyed that structure and threatened adjacent property including two theatres.

NOT GUILTY OF DEATH OF FATHER-IN-LAW

CAMILLA, Ga., April 23.—M. C. Huey, Jr., on trial for the alleged murder in November last of his father-in-law, T. J. Sellers, within an hour after he married the 14-year-old daughter of Sellers, was acquitted today after the jury had been out all night.

SHOWERS

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Forecast for North Carolina: Showers and cooler Sunday; Monday generally fair; moderate Southwest to Northwest winds.

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THE COMET

April 22. Halley's comet rises 2.15 a. m. today and tomorrow at 3.09 a. m. Sun rises 5.05 a. m. The comet's speed today about 1,822 miles per minute.

VOTE DRAWING NIGH

WASHINGTON, April 23.—In the senate and house the railroad bill was under consideration today. Upon the conclusion of the general debate upon the measure in the house, Mr. Mann of Illinois, announced that next Tuesday the reading of the bill for amendments under the five-minute rule would begin.

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