

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.

Secretary of Justice, under the direction of the president made a request to the Supreme court to have the Audencia Judge consider the charges against Gen. Estepa and others.

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.

Among the negroes this afternoon, some are said to belong to secret societies which are fanatically hostile to the whites and which have been practicing drills with intention

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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.

It was almost 8 o'clock tonight when the fire, which followed a northeasterly direction from the business section, finally reached the outskirts of the city, burning itself out.

When it became apparent that the local fire department could not cope with the blaze, requests for aid were wired to Beaumont and Orange, Texas, and to Jennings, La. All four were within a radius of fifty miles of Lake Charles.

Many houses in the path of the flames were dynamited, but showers of sparks were swept beyond the gaps thus made, igniting the buildings on the further side. Within a short time the wind had driven the fire over a space two miles in length, leaving a mass of ruins in its wake.

Public Buildings Burned. While many of the buildings destroyed were merely frame cottages, scores of handsome structures also fell prey to the flames.

Hotels Burned. Next to the court house, the costliest buildings destroyed were those of the Holy Cross convent, Catholic church and rectory, the loss on these buildings amounting to \$100,000.

In addition to these buildings the Catholic Knights hall, the Lake house and the Drew building, the city hall, the Lake Charles Christian church, the Boudreaux market, the Braden warehouse and scores of small stores

shops, office buildings and several hundred residences were reduced to ashes.

It is estimated that the insurance will amount to less than one third of the total loss incurred through the fire.

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.

In the senate Mr. Borah spoke in opposition to the Elkins-Crawford traffic provision of the railroad bill.

SEN. DANIEL DOING WELL. Several telegrams to the members of the Daniel family here today indicate that Senator Daniel is standing the trip home from Florida splendidly.

SEVERAL BILLS PASSED. In an exchange of communications between the Holy See and the prince the latter explained that he was not coming to Rome as a ruler but as a scientist to give a lecture. The Vatican answered that it could not admit such a sophistry nor separate the personality of a ruler from that of a scientist.

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.

The congress confirmed the election of regents and vice regents by the state delegations for the ensuing year.

Among the state regents and vice regents elected were: Alabama—Mrs. Aurora P. McClain (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

VIEWS OF PROFESSOR

NEW YORK, April 23.—Dr. David G. Barrow, chancellor of the University of Georgia in speaking tonight before a gathering of the institution's alumni, warned the whites of his state against retrogression.

"I find in our state," he said, "a satisfaction with educational conditions which causes anxious thought."

"Unless we give a strong education to our youth the exploitation of our state by better educated people is only a matter of time, and when we consider concentration of ownership of corporations, forest and water powers the time seems short."

"One thing I can see and see very clearly, if eleven twentieths of the population of Georgia are white and twenty twentieths of the population of another state belong to the white race, Georgia must educate her eleven or she will be exploited."

"The present problem of the South is not to devise means for keeping down the negro, but rather to spend every effort, exhaust every means for building up the white man."

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.

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

Is Going to Rome as Scientist and Not as a Ruler

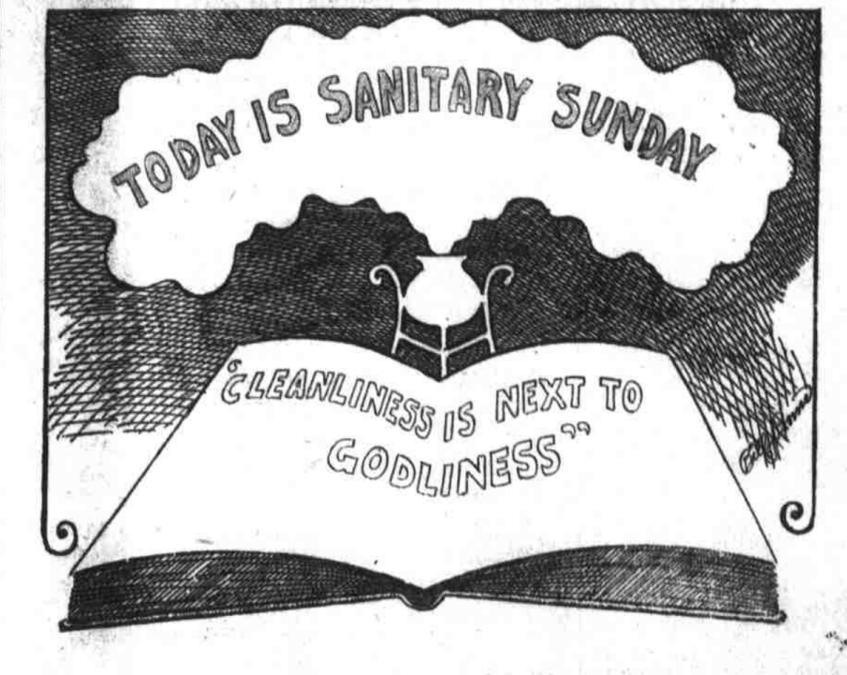
PONTIFF CHIDES HIM

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.

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.

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.



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.

The arrival of four consignments of cotton, presumably from the suspended American firm, served to cheer the market today and it is now believed that considerably more than was at first anticipated will be realized by the creditor firms.

Sydney Chase Buxton, president of the board of the trade, addressing members of the cotton exchange today, said that he had received information to the effect that the cotton situation, but if the board of trade and other government officers were able to assist the officials of the cotton exchange they would go as far as they could legitimately.

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

through fraudulent bills of lading marked on the continent and England was still far from definite knowledge today.

Geo. Brenneck, president of the New York cotton exchange, said that he had not received any further details concerning the Liverpool fraud.

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 actual bills of lading for which their bills of lading called.

SOUTHERN INVESTIGATING. WASHINGTON, April 23.—A commission 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 Houston and Liverpool. Conferences have

been in progress throughout the day among the Southern railway officials with a view to determining if possible how deeply involved the system may be in what is alleged to be the issue of fraudulent bills of lading on cotton shipments.

A thorough investigation of the matter has been instituted by President Finley through General Counsel Thomas and Auditor Plant.

It is not possible to say with any degree of accuracy to what extent the Southern railway company may be involved. By direction of President Finley, steps have been taken to prevent the use of any forged or fraudulent bills of lading that may have been issued.

Thus far the company knows practically little more of the situation than already has been developed in the news dispatches from points in the South and from Liverpool.

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.

Harris was being shaved and Sheperd snatched the razor from the barber without a word having passed.

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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.

NO FUNDS TO HUNT FOR THE SOUTH POLE. WASHINGTON, April 23.—The expedition planned jointly by the Peary 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.

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.

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

SIX GUESTS THOUGHT TO HAVE PERISHED IN FIRE

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

CINCINNATI, 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.

The fire spread from cellar to roof with great rapidity and pedestrians who were early on the scene assisted scores of guests in escaping by windows.

Two bodies have been recovered, and it is believed at least four more are in the ruins of the hotel. The bodies of two more men were found in the ruined upper story, both fully dressed and they had been probably suffocated. They have not been identified.

THE COMET. April 23. 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.

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. Thompson formerly owned a large amount of stock in the New Orleans Item and the Norfolk Dispatch but recently sold his holdings.

BRISTOL, April 23.—At the base of Clifton Heights, a suburb of Bristol, there has just been made one of the most remarkable discoveries of lead known to the South.

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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 Lydell Hills line in a suburb of Atlanta tonight at 8 o'clock.

There were no passengers on the car. The car had just reached the end of the line and the motorman was reversing his trolley when the attack came from the negroes who had concealed themselves behind a clump of bushes.

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. On complying, one of the men relieved him of all the cash he had on his person and then he was told to "hit the grit." He was shot in the back by one of the men after he had run about 50 yards and fell in his tracks. Two shots penetrated his liver. The injured conductor was rushed to a hospital, where it was stated that there was no possible chance of his recovery.

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. Brown was lying downward beside his car, a bullet through his heart and along the track fifty yards distant was found Bryson.

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.

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.

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