



DOCTORING TREES ON BATTERY PARK HILL.

Interesting "operations" on trees that are really worth saving have been conducted during the past two weeks on the Battery Park hill by C. D. Tully and a score of assistants. The tree pictured above is located

at the north entrance to the Battery Park hotel. Mr. Tully claims that it was fast fading to decay as the result of onslaughts of thousands of "wood borers."



LEW DOCKSTADER At the Auditorium Tomorrow Night.

Dockstader's Minstrels Tomorrow The advance sale for Dockstader's Minstrel Saturday surpassed all expectations and it is doubtful if there will be a vacant seat at the Auditorium tomorrow night. The immense business that this attraction is doing everywhere is the best proof that popular "Lew" has a great show this season, and those who fail to see it are sure to regret it as it is by far the best minstrel organization on the road, bar none. In offering his minstrel show this season, Dockstader has departed widely from the long accepted ideas of entertainments of this class and presents minstrelsy in rather strange garb. In the first place, he has done away with the time honored semi-circle of the "five part" and the circle of the ancient minstrel joke by the and man no longer exists in the Dockstader program. The comedian insists that his show is minstrelsy with a plot and the whole entertainment hinges around a story said to be quite as interesting as any of the modern musical comedies. The first act of this modernized minstrel show is called "The Possum Hunt Club Revue" and shows the terraced lawn of the club house occupied by the members seated at tables during a reception by this well colored organization. The book and lyrics of "The Possum Hunt Club Revue" are by Vincent Bryan, who

SEDITION CHARGE BRINGS SENTENCE OF LIFE IN PRISON

Case of Indian Agitator Caused Great International Stir at Time

ENGLAND VIOLATED RIGHT OF ASYLUM Sentence Not Effective Until Passed Upon by The Hague Tribunal

BOMBAY, Feb. 5.—Savarkar, the Indian student who was arrested in London on a charge of sedition, has been sentenced to transportation for life. Vinayak Damondhar Savarkar's case has attracted international attention in a curious way. The Indian agitator was arrested in London on a charge of sedition and was extradited to India for trial. While the vessel lay in the harbor at Marseilles the captive dove through a porthole and swam ashore. His guardians, seeing him, raised an outcry, and a French gendarme seized him as he landed on the quay, immediately turning him over to the British detectives under the belief that he was a common thief. The French authorities, hearing of the case, made a demand that Savarkar be turned over to them, on the ground that he had acquired the right of asylum on French soil as he was not a criminal, but a political offender, and furthermore that the action of the British authorities was a flagrant violation of international law. Great Britain, however, refused to surrender the Indian, and the case is now awaiting adjudication by The Hague Tribunal, to which it has been referred for settlement. The sentence against the agitator will not, therefore, be carried out until the international tribunal makes its decision in the case. The name of Savarkar has been familiar for some years past to those who follow the course of the anti-English movement among a section of India. He is a Kulkarni Brahmin, and went to England to study for the bar at Gray's Inn in 1906 at the age of twenty-four, having previously done some journalistic work as a disciple of Mr. Tilak. He was associated with Mr. Phayamli Krishnarvarma at Indian House, Highgate, and after Mr. Krishnarvarma's removal to Paris he became the manager of the place. He took an active part in several semi-public meetings at the Caxton Hall, Westminster, designed to stimulate among the young Indians here active dislike of British rule. These included a meeting in December, 1908, nominally in honor of a lecture by G. D. Singh, when a lecture was circulated denouncing the "treachery" of the Indian army. Shortly before this Savarkar, on account of differences with Mr. Krishnarvarma, retired from the management of Indian House. In the summer of 1909 Ganeal Damondhar Savarkar, his elder brother, was tried by Indian magistrates and the Sessions Judge of Nasik, Mr. C. B. Kennedy, J. C. S. under sections 124 (a) and 121 of the Indian penal code, for sedition and waging war against the king-emperor. The documents impounded in the case included compromising correspondence from some persons in this country, not more particularly from Vinayak Savarkar. Ganeal was found guilty, and the sentence of penal servitude for life passed on him by the Sessions Judge was confirmed by the Bombay High Court. A few days before Christmas, 1909, there came a terrible sequel to this trial in the murder of Mr. A. M. T. Jackson, the collector of Nash. Savarkar's active and undisciplined association with the anti-British propaganda carried on in England and his correspondence with his brother, came to the notice of the Benchers of Gray's Inn about the time that he had passed his final examination for the bar. An inquiry into the case, in the course of which Savarkar made full use of opportunities to defend himself, led to the postponement of his call. While the question was still undetermined Savarkar's name came into general notoriety on account of his action at a meeting of Indians in this country held at the Caxton hall on July 5, 1909, under the presidency of the Aga Khan, to express horror and indignation at the assassination of Sir Curzon Wylie and Dr. Lala Lal at the Imperial Institute in London, raising his voice against the resolution, which was expelled, and he wrote to The Times the same evening to explain that his objection was to the use of the terms "crime" and "criminals" pending the result of the trial of Dhanoo. Soon after this incident the Benchers of Gray's Inn definitely decided to refuse to call Savarkar and he was reported to be seriously ill, and Indian students were asked to subscribe to a fund on his behalf. It was suggested that as he could not return to India without risk of arrest it was a patriotic duty to support him here. It is alleged that a very substantial sum was raised for this purpose. Subsequently he went to Paris and stayed there some time in close association with Mr. Krishnarvarma, but returning to this country at the beginning of March, 1910, he was arrested on the charge of sedition.

NEWS AND GOSSIP FROM CAPITAL OF OLD NORTH STATE

Croatian Indians Want Their Names Changed to That of Cherokee

CHEROKEE INDIANS OPPOSED TO CHANGE Most Interesting Hearing Held Before Committee of Legislature

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 5.—The most unique committee hearing of any legislature in recent years was that of the senate judiciary committee yesterday evening to consider the Cobb bill to change the name of the Croatan Indian Reservation to "Cherokee Indians of Robeson." A big delegation of Croatan backed up by prominent citizens of Robeson were here fighting for the bill and Chief Welch and assistant Chief Sanooska of the Cherokee tribe of Western North Carolina were here to fight any invasion of their name by anything of their kind. They had nothing against the Croatan school of the government, but they were fighting for the name Cherokee. With them was Superintendent Frank Kyselka of the Indian school at Cherokee, the three forming the inner council of the tribe. Fighting for them and against changing Croatan to Cherokee were numbers of the members of the legislature from western counties. The most striking of these were Anderson and Emmitt Sampson, the three last Croatan, were the principal speakers for changing Croatan to Cherokee. State Superintendent of Public Instruction, J. Y. Joyner and also the principal of the Croatan Normal school were among those introduced to testify to the high character and progress of the Croatan. The school principal said he found a great aversion on the part of the Robeson county Indians to the name Croatan as having no real Indian significance. A dramatic feature of the hearing was the standing of the two Cherokee chiefs and three of the Croatan—Anderson and Gaston Locklear and Emmitt Sampson in line for the senators to sign for themselves if there was tribal resemblance. The most striking of these was between assistant Chief Sanooska of the Cherokee and Gaston Locklear of the Croatan. Chairman Graham asked Chief Welch of the Cherokee, to look upon Locklear and say whether he thought there was resemblance to Cherokee. The answer came through his interpreter that he saw "a resemblance to the human family, but nothing that reminded him of any special tribe." Chief Welch, speaking in Cherokee entirely through interpreter, addressed the committee insisting that his tribe has nothing against the Croatan but simply protests against their taking the Cherokee name to which he insisted that no proof had been offered that they are in any way entitled, but that all Indian traditions are against it. The committee deferred action. The house committee on the regulation of the liquor traffic has announced a final and full hearing on the Kellum bill for local option privilege in New Hanover county and the city of Wilmington, Wednesday of next week, beginning at 3 o'clock. There was an informal discussion of the bill at a committee conference last evening during which Mr. L. B. Rogers, opposing the Kellum bill, read a telegram from Mr. P. Pearson, wholesale merchant of Wilmington, declaring his willingness to pay one thousand dollars to any state charity if Representative Kellum could prove his proposition that he represents generally the best people of Wilmington or a majority of the whole people of the city. Furthermore, he had voted for Kellum in the last election not knowing his stand on the matter now up. In a cross-fire discussion between Representative Kellum and L. B. Rogers the latter contended, as heretofore, that the recorder's court is openly failing to make any real efforts to enforce the prohibition law and Mr. Kellum that Mayor MacBee has made little or no attempt in that direction. W. C. Patterson and W. M. Kock were present with Mr. Rogers to protest against the Kellum bill. Mr. Kock insisting that if the local option question were left with the people of Wilmington the liquor forces of the county would put \$100,000 or more into Wilmington to buy the prohibition would lead the liquor people a close race in this direction. Mr. Patterson believed that the passage of the Kellum bill would mean the most disastrous trouble for Wilmington, even if the people of the city repudiated the Kellum bill, that the city needs and must have quiet and law enforcement. Prominent legislators here regard the whole furor over this bill as misplaced entirely for the reason, as

they insist, that there is not the slightest chance for the bill to receive any considerable support in either branch of the assembly.

Commissioner of Insurance James H. Young has prepared and is circulating among the members of the legislature and people generally a condensed statement of the recommendations of the legislative investigating committee of the New York legislature recently made public in which the committee declares itself on the "valued policy," "Co-insurance" and "Anti-compact and Rating Exchange" all of which are live issues in impending legislation in this state. The New York committee urges the legislature to "resolutely refuse to countenance the valued policy" practice of insurance heresy, and to place a premium on arson and putting temptation in the way of the insured when prosperity fails, consensus of opinion being that it is dangerous legislation. Of the "co-insurance" feature which is operative in the larger cities of North Carolina and with manufacturing plants having adequate fire protection, the committee pronounces it a valuable basis for equitable rating and recommends its continuance with the injunction that the companies see to it that each insurer having it in his policy understands its purpose and effect. Treating the "Anti-Compact and Rating Exchange" corresponding with the Southern Term Association in this state against which the Koonce sub-section "G" bill to include fire insurance companies in the state anti-trust law, the New York committee declares it would be most unfortunate for the insuring public for a condition of open competition in rates to be forced in the state, urges recognition that flows from combination when well regulated and urges that the companies be permitted to use rating associations to develop the principal of schedule rating and spread the cost of determining proper rates among the companies and permit them to agree to maintain those rates. The committee therefore urges that no anti-compact law be passed.

In connection with the fight that is being waged in the North Carolina general assembly over the Koonce joint resolution for legislative investigation of "the conduct of fire insurance companies in North Carolina," in which the house committee on propositions and grievances has given the resolution an unfavorable report State Commissioner of Insurance James R. Young has given the following significant expression of his views to members of the assembly who are to soon pass upon the measure: "I do not think an investigation necessary or called for by the insurance conditions of the state or I would have embodied it in my recommendations to the General Assembly. But I do not claim to know it all, or to be infallible. If the general assembly in its wisdom decides that an investigation is desirable, no one in the state is more desirous of getting any information thereby than I am, and no one will act more promptly in the use of such information. As insurance commissioner it is my duty each day to undertake to solve the problem involved in the supervision of insurance companies in this state, and I trust that I am aware not only of the importance and responsibility of the position, but also its difficulties. "If an investigation is decided upon it should be full, and I am willing to extend every aid in my power to make it so. A carefully selected committee should, under the resolution, be empowered, if they find they cannot perform the work during the remaining days of their work after assembly, to continue the work after the next general assembly. The word "fire" should be stricken from the resolution and the investigation made to cover all classes of insurance, and especially assessment life insurance, which, and its conditions in this state, attention was called in my recommendations (see numbers 3 and 4). In my opinion the amount that the committee can spend should not be unlimited as it now is, but should be limited to \$5,000.00, \$10,000.00, \$15,000.00, or such amount as may be deemed proper by the general assembly. The investigating committee of Illinois general assembly cost between \$5,000.00 and \$10,000.00. In New York \$50,000.00 was appropriated for the expenses of their investigating committee, and I understand from Judge Hotchkiss, the insurance commissioner of the state, that more would probably be necessary."

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PARIS, Ont., Feb. 5.—Five persons were killed and one seriously injured in a head on collision late Saturday night on the Buffalo-Goderich branch of the Grand Trunk, when train No. 96, running from Buffalo to Goderich met a light engine running east three miles northwest of Paris. The victims were all members of the crew of the passenger train. The wreck was caught fire and was consumed.

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