

"Cromwell, I charge thee fling away ambition, by that sin fell the angels, how can man, then, the image of his maker, hope to win by it."

Ambition is a three edged sword in human affairs, and unlike most swords, it cuts right and left, backward and forward and most generally it wounds worse the hand that wields it.

The history of the illustrious Cardinal of whom the immortal poet of Avon sang so sweetly, was a well selected passage of English history to illustrate one side of human ambition, the side by which an ambitious man rises to the pinnacle of power by the forces within him and at last from his lofty elevation "falls unpitied never to rise again."

To finite wisdom it seems strange that an inborn impulse, so prolific of good results, so potent in its influence over the world's progress, often so powerful for good, so noble, so grand, when its great animating purpose is "to read its history in a nation's eyes," should be the prolific source of so many calamities.

See the great heroes of history who "wade through slaughter to a throne," the Alexanders, the Caesars, the Napoleons, in whose ambition self was the germ seed. He that "lives by the sword must perish by the sword," sayeth Divine prophecy. Alexander fell by his own hand; Caesar met death at the hands of his friends; Napoleon died a captive in the hands of his greatest enemy, on a desolate rock in mid ocean, with his ambitious spirit chafing under his cruel imprisonment. History is full of such fruits of ambition, both in civil and military life. In military history there is scarcely an example of a generous, unselfish ambition. Washington is the most conspicuous example of ambition that rose above self.

In civil life Wolsey was the most signal example that the great poet could have selected as an example of selfish ambition. He had reached the gilded pinnacle of power. Kings waited on his beck, kings served him at his table from golden platters, kings bent the knee before him to kiss the hand of him who sat in ecclesiastical state. Sixty liveried footmen with gilded halberds flanked his coach of state on grand ceremonial occasions. In an unlucky moment he was hurled from power and in his abject humility exclaimed to his confidential Secretary:

Had I but served my God with a half the zeal I've served my King, He would not in mine age, Have left me naked to my enemies.

These are the facts, and now, what are the lessons of history of nations and individuals. Beware of military heroes. Self love is a busy prompter, saith the apothegm. Lead us not into temptation, saith the appointed prayer. The little corporal led France through wars to humiliation, under the spur of an inordinate ambition that coveted the empire of the world. It is a peculiar characteristic of military ambition that it grows by what it feeds on, and plethora is the germ bud of greed. Let nations beware of a military career. Let us beware of the Philippines. Dewey now reads his history in the eyes of our people; but his grand career has waked up slumbering ambitions in bosoms unfortified by virtue, that may endanger our blessed institutions.

Look at Switzerland. Let us

profit by the example of the venerable little republic, the oldest in the world, that is so jealous of its institutions, and so fearful of the trust of power in human hands that it elects its President every six months. It deals not in wars. The sword is not its instrument of progress, it minds its own house hold.

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THIS EXPANSION.

Expansion is an instinct if not an infirmity of our poor human nature. "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods," is the closing command of the decalogue, and as important as any of the others. In fact, from its position in the laws of Moses it was probably intended to be emphasized in its imperativeness.

Nations, as well as individuals, have their sins for which they alone are responsible. Nations, always, and individuals, generally, have their birth, rise and decadence which begins and is caused by the violation of the tenth commandment. He who reads history, running, or sitting at the students desk, will see that thread running through all its ramifications.

Look at Rome! Romulus, without a mother, was suckled by a bear or a wolf. Which? He, probably after reaching manhood, relied upon the chances of the chase for his daily support. Others joined him, and feeling that it was not "well for man to be alone," they stole their wives from among the Sabine women. They grew and grew. Providence gave them a free rein, but reserved its judgment. They grew and grew, waxed fat and multiplied. They grew lusty and strong, and the greed of gain look possession of them. They wanted the world and "the rest of mankind." They went on conquering and to conquer, annexed, vanquished, expanded, and expansion grew as it gained. Finally it burst. And great was its fall. And history has recorded for our learning, the lessons of its fall, one of which was that God in his retributions measures not time, by days, and months and years but by thousands of years without limit.

And now, if our people would

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read aright the lessons of history written by the hand of the Almighty, they would halt and take time for reflection, and then, perhaps the retributions of history might be averted by Him who has mercy upon those upon whom He will have mercy.

And now, let us sit down on a log and reason and turn the subject over together.

This Philippine question is like the cat in our meal tub. Unlike the cat in the fable its ears are not concealed. It is the first big step in our history of greed. It is the first bold, bad step that the poet Gray alluded to when he said:

"The paths of glory lead but to the grave."

It is the pathway of nations as well as individuals. And when that path of glory is mixed with injustice and shame, the grave does not cover its tracks of infamy.

When this war with Spain was first declared, the President of the United States and Congress, solemnly declared to the people of the United States and to the world, that it was not to be a war of conquest. It was to liberate Cuba and to put an end to a war that was damaging to our commercial prosperity, and an outrage upon humanity by its unparalleled atrocity. We drove the Spaniards out of Cuba, and to accomplish that desirable and justifiable deed, it was our policy to destroy her fleets, wherever they could be found. Dewey found the Spanish fleet in the Philippine Islands, in the harbor of Manila. He demolished it, and thereby broke Spain's backbone. It was a great and glorious deed and our country rejoiced at it.

Then we lost our bearings. The expansion bee buzzed wildly in the President's bonnet, and we are afraid that Admiral Dewey, who is an eminently proper man, felt the beckoning of opportunity, that is said to knock but once at every man's door.

The bee might have died a buzzing but for the expansion idea becoming a factor in politics, and getting possession of Mark Hanna's brain, McKinley's keeper.

Beware of expansion. It is the historic wrecking shoal of nations. Rome had her Caesar and she fell Macedonia had her Alexander and he wept for more opportunities of expansion than the known world afforded, and he died by his own hand. Napoleon expanded until France was wrested from his hands. Spain had her Columbus and the expansion which he gave her brought ultimate ruin. And such will be the ultimate destiny of Great Britain and the United States if they fail to observe the tenth command of the Decalogue: "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods."

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THE WINDSOR HOTEL HOLOGRAST.

On Friday evening in New York city, at the Windsor Hotel, there occurred one of the most distressing conflagrations, attended with loss of life and wounded victims, that has ever taken place in that city. About 3: p. m., a guest of the hotel, after lighting his cigar, threw the lighted match from him and it fell upon a gauzy lace curtain, which immediately took fire. The fire spread rapidly. The fire department was quickly on hand but the fire raged so rapidly and with such fury that it was impossible to arrest the flames. It swept all before it. The house was thronged with guests and visitors who were there to see the parade on St. Patrick's day. On the outside of the building the throng was so great that egress was impossible. The fire was started on the first floor of the building, but before there was any escape it had extended to the upper stories and the whole building was enveloped in smoke and flame.

Some were burned to death, some threw themselves from the windows to the pavement below, some were asphyxiated by the clouds of smoke and some few were rescued by the heroic and perilous efforts of the police and fireman. Most of those who threw themselves from the windows were instantly killed, many were dreadfully mangled and scarcely recognizable. All that human aid could do was done for them. Those injured were at once taken to the Hospitals, where physicians rendered all medical assistance. It was a wild scene of distress, the agonies of the bereaved, the vain search for friends who were in burning ruins, and the excitement that everywhere prevailed, was truly heart rending. Miss Helen Gould the great philanthropist, whose residence was opposite the Windsor, threw open her doors and rendered every assistance to the sufferers.

The latest estimate of the casualties is that sixteen were killed, sixty-six missing and fifty-seven injured.

Among the list of killed is Miss Laselles Grandy of Elizabeth City, N. C., who was in New York on a shopping tour, fell from a window.

In less than three hours the great imposing structure was a mass of smouldering ruins. The loss is estimated at 1,000,000, with insurance about \$600,000.

The remains of Miss Grandy were brought to her home in this town on Tuesday, and were interred in the Cemetery of Christ Church on Tuesday evening, Rev. L. L. Williams officiating.

Miss Grandy was cared for by friends in New York with great tenderness, her body embalmed, and when it was received at the old home, by her sorrowing relatives, it was so life-like and natural that she seemed alive. She was buried in Christ Church Cemetery by the side of her father and kindred.

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NEWS FROM THE COUNTIES

Interesting Items from Various Parts of the District.

News From Hatteras.

The three masted schooner Alfred Brabrook, Capt. Garland, from Booth Bay, Maine, for Charleston, with a cargo of ice, stranded at Gull Shoal, on the 25th inst. of here, last week. The crew were all saved, but the vessel and cargo is a total loss. The Brabrook came ashore early in the morning during a heavy westerly gale and a blinding snow storm. As soon as she was discovered the crew of the Gull Shoal life saving station hastened to her assistance. The weather was freezing cold and a heavy sea was running, which made the rescue of the crew extremely difficult. Several shot-lines were fired, and finally one was laid across the vessel, and even after a line was run to the shore the work of taking off the crew was extremely hazardous. The vessel lay so far off the beach it had to be made fast to the mast-head, and the crew had to be taken off one by one in the breeches buoy. The life saving crew worked like heroes amid the icy waves and in the howling gale, and after about six hours of the most arduous labor managed to land the last one of the crew, who were all taken to the station and cared for by Captain Pugh. Very few people imagine the hardship which is endured by the brave life savers on our coast, nor the vast amount of property and the precious lives that are saved each year. These brave and hardy men patrol the beach in any and all kinds of weather, and from the first day of August until the last day of May there is not a foot of our beach but what is under the watchful care of these noble fellows. It is such wrecks as the Brabrook which show what these men can do when put upon their mettle, and to their lasting credit be it said that no crew along our coast have ever yet been found wanting when the trying hour came, even though their own lives are placed in the most imminent

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peril or their bodies subjected to the most rigorous and deadly exposure which it is possible to encounter.

Mrs. John W. Rollinson and Mrs. A. J. Stowe, who have been visiting Mr. S. M. S. Rollinson, of Elizabeth City, returned home this week.

Mrs. W. H. Gaskins, after a pleasant visit of two weeks with friends at Roanoke Island, returned home yesterday.

Mr. A. J. Stowe and W. H. Rollinson, two of our popular merchants, and on a recent visit to Elizabeth City to-day on a short business trip.

Messrs. George Denny, James Adams, Wm. Stron and Irish Willis, of the Diamond Shoal light ship, came ashore this week for supplies and returned on board yesterday. It seems that the boys, in the course of living, had gotten down, not to hard-pan, but to hard tack, hence the trip ashore in the search of something more palatable. The boat returned loaded down with home folks, and ere now the boys have had one of the largest feasts in the history of the ship. It is not understood why the ship is allowed to run short of provision, but the bald fact remains that such has often been the case since the vessel was placed in position on the shoals.

Mrs. Eliza Stron, of Creed's Hill, after a pleasant visit of a week with relatives at Hatteras, returned home yesterday.

Mr. Jesse Cohoon, of Plymouth, N. C., is visiting Captain Homer W. Stron, of this place. Mr. Cohoon will probably remain some weeks in our village.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry Stowe, who have been to Roanoke Island for a few days visiting relatives, returned home yesterday.

Rev. E. L. Sawyer, pastor in charge of the M. E. Church South at Hatteras, left this week for a short visit to Elizabeth City. Our people are greatly pleased with Mr. Sawyer, and we all wish him a pleasant trip and a safe return.

We often wonder what has become of our old friend Roscoe Turner, who was with us during the war last summer. We have grown sad since he left us, and we have not heard a well told tale or enjoyed a good hearty laugh since we last saw him. We have often said that Roscoe can say more and say it quicker than any man in the State; in fact we have even offered to pit him against fourteen phonographs and bet ten to one on Roscoe knocking out the combination. Come down, Roscoe, and see us, and brighten us up with some of your happy humor. We will always give you the glad hand.

Providence Personals.

Mr. C. E. Wood went to Norfolk Monday.

Mrs. W. D. Halstead, of South Norfolk, was here a few days last week on business.

Misses Blonnie Kraus and Dora McCoo of Elizabeth City, were the guests of Miss Ina Stokely a few days last week.

Mr. F. T. Horton, of Norfolk, has returned from a visit to Mrs. Horton, at Mr. W. E. Wood's.

Miss Sophie N. Wood's second term of school at Berea closed this week. She was alike popular with pupils, patrons and the community, who hope for her return next session.

Miss Ina Maude Stokely entertained a select number of friends at her home last Thursday evening. The occasion was a delightful one, and will long linger a pleasant memory.

Mr. J. D. Winslow and family, of Nicanor, returned home Tuesday from a visit to Mrs. Winslow's parents at "The Fork."

Pasquotank Commissioner's Proceedings.

Board Commissioners met to-day, March 6. Present, G. M. Scott, Elisha Lister, S. N. Morgan.

The minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Ordered, that Jethro T. White be released of payment of poll tax, being over age.

Ordered, that the clerk notify the former treasurer of this county, that the county is in need of funds and that he must settle.

Ordered, that the Supervisor of Mt. Hermon township be allowed to purchase slabs and bed logs for the six foot ditch at Black Sign Post.

Ordered, that C. R. Johnson be allowed an order for \$16, on account of being charged twice on list.

Dr. Isaiah Fearing, Health Officer, tendered his monthly report.

On motion, E. G. Davis was elected Constable in Newlin township.

Dr. Isaiah Fearing, Health Officer, tendered his resignation as such officer.

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of the county, which, upon motion, was accepted to take place upon the election of his successor. After allowing the proper approved bills the Board adjourned to meet on Wednesday, March 8. M. B. CULPEPPER, Clerk.

Board met to-day, March 8. Present G. M. Scott, Elisha Lister, S. N. Morgan. On motion, Dr. H. T. Aydlott was elected Superintendent of Health for Pasquotank county in place of Dr. Fearing, resigned, until the first Monday in May next, at a salary of \$150 per month for attending small pox cases. Vaccination extra and vaccine virus to be furnished at cost. For his services at the Almshouse and jail he to be paid the usual fee. Ordered, that Dr. Isaiah Fearing, Superintendent of Health, be allowed \$300, in full for professional services attending small pox cases up to and including this date. Ordered, that Jonas Morgan be allowed \$60 for services at county pest house. Ordered, that A. C. Roberson be allowed \$15 for services guarding small pox house. Ordered, that John Bundy, an unfortunate sick person, be placed on the benefit list at the sum of \$2 per month. No further business the Board adjourned. M. B. CULPEPPER, Clerk.

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