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CUBA'S CONDITION VERY BAD.

Mr. Howard's Report of Distress—He Appeals for Aid in the Name of Our Flag.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 15.—William Willard Howard, general manager of the Cuban industrial relief fund of New York, passed through Jacksonville this morning, on his way home from Cuba. He goes north to purchase agricultural implements and seeds for the use of the industrial relief station, which he has just established at Guines, Cuba. Mr. Howard said, "The condition of Cuba, so far as my observations have gone, is really worse than it was this time last year, when I made my first investigation. In many rural districts, little has been done to restore the island to its normal condition. The fields are vacant and the farmers idle. The people still remain in the towns and cities where army rations are issued to them. They cannot return to their abandoned farms because they have nothing to return with.

"Our government has done and doing nothing to enable farmers to resume the cultivation of their lands. All that it pretends to do is to distribute rations through local committees of Cubans. Gov. General Brooke and the officers under him realize keenly the condition of things but they cannot give any assistance except food.

"Ours is not a paternal government. The condition of the widows and orphans of Cuba is heartrending. There are thousands upon thousands of these poor creatures scattered over the island. They have no homes to live in, food to eat, nor clothes to cover them. One cannot think of their future without a shudder. I am especially concerned for the little orphan girls who roam the streets scantily clad, asking for a bit of food with which to keep their little bodies and souls together. What will become of these girls? Their future for good or evil, lies with the people of the United States.

"Among these widows and orphans I have as lately as last week seen individual cases of destitution and physical emaciation worse than any thing that I ever saw in Armenia during the two years that I gave to Armenia relief work. And to have these wrecks of humanity to stand and look up to the Stars and Stripes waving over their city hall, gives one a queer sensation. The generous American people surely cannot understand the condition of Cuba, or these poor creatures would be taken care of.

"I do not speak of the sick, the infirm, or those who hobble about with loathsome sores, resulting from starvation. I cannot speak of them for the English language is inadequate to the task. They should have been cared for in hospitals long months ago. Why

it has not been done I cannot understand. The condition of Cuba is a reproach to the American people, and a blot upon civilization. We are going to do something to improve that condition and we invite all lovers of humanity in the United States to help us for the good name of the American flag. Our feelings should mean something to these homeless, helpless orphans and destitute country people. Money for these orphans or for our industrial relief work should be sent to the Continental Trust Company, 30 Broad street, New York, marked "For the Cuban Industrial relief Fund."

The Hypnotists Here.

Get ready to laugh. Prof. Lee, together with his assistants, arrived here this morning from Wilson to be here with us three nights. The party comprises Prof. S. A. Lee and wife, Mr. Stanley Warde and wife, and Messrs. Phillip McNiven, D M Reese, and Chas. B Westmore.

On last August Prof. Lee and his company started in Maine on their tour and have since that time been playing in the different States along the coast, having been at New Orleans in December.

A large number of tickets have been sold already—nearly 150 having been counted this morning before 10 o'clock.

Getting Up His Roll.

Ex-Sheriff Buchanan has made out his lists of delinquent taxpayers in the different townships and is dropping them their last notices. Similar to our schools, he is preparing his roll of honor (?) and will have it published soon.

A good amount of the taxes are yet unpaid—more than were due last year at this time. Similar to past years, one can find almost all of the receipts torn out of the books of some of the townships while in other townships bunches of them yet remain unpaid.

Still Mired Down.

Some time ago the officials of the chain gang attempted to move the rock crusher from here to their work out on the Beatty's Ford road. But the roads were entirely too bad and the crusher mired down in the road near Dr. Lilly's place beyond the depot. As soon as the road becomes better it will be taken out.

The sickness of the members of the chain gang is very much improved now, only one being sick. The gang now numbers twenty-five.

Blind Tigers About Trinity.

We learn that there is a nest of blind tigers about the Trinity church community, in No. 4 township, that is making itself a decided nuisance. The hand of the law will drop on the shoulders of some of these culprits when they are least thinking of it. Then they will whine at their fate and blame those whom they are outraging. To stop the nefarious business in time would be immensely better. The choice is with the offenders.

Everybody need have Neuralgia. Get Dr. Miles' Pain-Expeller from druggists. One cent a dose.

AN ALABAMA TORNADO.

Freaks of a Storm That Swept a Suburb of Birmingham.

Birmingham, Ala., March 15.—The fiercest tornado ever known in this vicinity visited the town of Avondale, on the outskirts of the city, at 5 o'clock this morning. It came directly from the South, with rain and lightning. Passing immediately in front of the Avondale Cotton Mills, it blew down the negro Methodist church and utterly demolished it. Three new frame houses and a second negro church, a short distance away, were next destroyed.

Mrs. R C Foster was ill in bed and her husband was watching at her side. The house was taken from over her head and the bedstead blown 100 feet away. Strange to say, Mrs. Foster was not hurt.

The negro school house and negro Baptist church were torn to pieces. Mrs. Annie Johnson was buried under her house and had to be dug out. She is badly cut and bruised, and is in a critical condition. Arthur O Hudgins, a white boy, was also buried in the wreckage of his father's house. His arm was broken and he was seriously injured. At this house four walls were blown away and a bed containing three children left in the middle of the room. The children were not scratched. The injured boy was in an outer wing and the main building crushed this in.

Pressing the Filipinos.

The war has taken on fresh impetus in the Philippines. Gen. Wheaton pressed the natives about Pasig, Taguig and Pateros, driving them back with heavy losses. One hundred and seventy-five dead were found besides 100 new graves. About 400 prisoners were taken. It is contemplated to press for Aguinaldo's strong hold. Gen. Otis' things the victory of Wednesday the most important thus far.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Mr. Walter Poole, of Salisbury, is here today.

—Mr. Jno. W Morrison, of Charlotte, is here today.

—Postmaster Patterson returned home this morning, after spending several days in Charlotte.

—Mr. A E Lentz has gone to Philadelphia on a business trip for Messrs. D P Dayvault & Bro.

—Mr. H G Woodruff arrived here this morning from New York to visit Messrs. W R and J M Odell.

Green Mountain Maple Syrup.

Quart Bottles at 30 cents.
Pint Bottles at 20 cents.

Sweet Pickles per Bottle 10 cents.

Canned Kornlet at 20 cents per can.

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LITERATEURS LOST.

Mrs. C. C. Collins of Greensboro One of Them.

The Norma, an American yacht on which there were American literateurs intending to write up the parts of the world as they touched them is said to have been lost in the Red Sea. Mrs. C. C. Collins of Greensboro was one of the party.

A Great Treat Awaits You Tonight.

Tonight the Lee Company of Hypnotists will give their first performance at Caten's Hall. This company needs no introduction as it has appeared in all the leading cities in this section of the country. Only two weeks ago they played at Charlotte and filled the opera house every night for a full week.

The entertainments are instructive and extremely funny, but aside from the humorous part, will be given some scientific tests. Tonight the human bridge test will be put on. In this a subject will be placed in the cataleptic condition and when placed across two chairs, with his shoulders on one and his heels on another, his unsupported body will sustain the weight of 5 men.

As these entertainments are given for the benefit of one of our local institutions, they should be greeted by full houses.

Tonight with each paid admission one lady will be admitted free. Seats are now on sale at Gibson's Drug Store.

Doors will be open at 7.30. Performance will begin at 8.30 o'clock.

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