

The Burning of Negroes.

Baker Washington, the negro principal of the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, who has attracted so much attention of late by reason of having dined with President Roosevelt, and locally, by having eaten in the hotel for white people at Hamlet last summer, published an article last week calling attention to several cases of outrages against negroes by mobs. The article is so true, so temperate, and sets forth conditions so serious, that we publish it in full:—

Within the last fortnight three members of my race have been burned at the stake; of these one was a woman. Not one of the three was charged with any crime even remotely connected with the abuse of a white woman. In every case murder was the sole accusation. All of these burnings took place in broad daylight, and two of them occurred on Sunday afternoon in sight of a Christian church.

construed by Judge Brown to apply to the whole State, and by Judge Cooke to apply only to the counties named in the act. The act has at last been construed by the Supreme Court, and section two, the part relating to the shipment of liquor into prohibition territory, has been declared applicable to the whole State. Section one of the law makes Cleveland, Cabarrus, Mitchell and Gaston counties prohibition territory, and then section two says—

"That the place where delivery of any spirituous, malt, vinous, fermented or other intoxicating liquors is made in the State of North Carolina shall be construed and held to be the place of sale thereof, and any station or other place within said State to which any person, firm, company or corporation shall ship or convey any spirituous, malt, vinous, fermented or other intoxicating liquors for the purpose of delivery or carrying the same to a purchaser shall be construed to be the place of sale. Provided, this section shall not be construed to prevent the delivery of any spirituous, malt, vinous, fermented or other intoxicating liquors to druggists in sufficient quantities for medicinal purposes only."

It will be noticed that instead of saying that the place of delivery in the counties mentioned shall be the place of sale, this section says, "in the State of North Carolina," and the court said that this plainly meant what it said. The originators of the bill explain their mistake by saying that they picked up a copy of one of the several anti-jug bills that were introduced, put it in their bill, and neglected to substitute their counties for "the State of North Carolina." The legislature passed the bill by its caption, and no one knew, not even the gentlemen who drew the bill, that a State-wide law was being made. The effect of this law will be for the protection of prohibition towns and counties. The little places like Hamlet, Hoffman and Cherryville that have been making liquor to sell and shipping into prohibition territory, will be put out of business if the law is enforced. The only way a man living in prohibition communities can get liquor is to go after it or to have it shipped from outside the State. But this latter recourse may finally be cut off, for even now Congress is considering a law prohibiting the shipment of liquor from one State into prohibition territories of other States.

Mr. Scott of Kansas said on the floor of the House on Monday of last week that Mr. Cleveland, while president, had invited a negro, one Taylor, to luncheon, and had actually dined with him. The congressman stated that he knew it as a fact. Mr. Webb of North Carolina thereupon, straightway, wrote Mr. Cleveland and asked him about it. On Wednesday the North Carolina congressman appeared upon the floor of the House, for the first time, and with a letter from Mr. Cleveland saying that there was not a word of truth in the charge. Mr. Scott thereupon hastened to apologize, and the Democrats had a regular campaigning time over Mr. Cleveland's letter and Mr. Webb's timely hit.

The expensiveness of modern warfare may be guessed at when it is known that the fifty minutes bombardment which the Japanese warships gave Vladivostok Sunday is estimated to have cost \$100,000 in ammunition alone. And all this powder burned at a range of five miles! In the old time a man of war chased out to sea and her captain sailed where he listed, and the enemy knew not his whereabouts till his sail rose in view over against the horizon. Then as quick as the two could get together they knocked a few holes in each other, and as both were about to sink they were lashed together, the sailors drew out their boarding pikes, and one crew or the other was killed or captured. No roving of the seas now! It is known where a fleet is going and the exact moment it is expected to arrive there, and at every point where a touch is made there is a telegraph instrument to click the news across the waters to the utmost parts of the world. The romance and much of the danger of naval warfare have departed.

Mr. Smith, the president of the Mormon church, has been on the spit before a committee of the Senate for some days, and the old polygamist has been done to a turn by the inquisitive senators. Reed Smoot, a high officer in the Mormon church, has been sent to the Senate by Utah, and there are numerous petitions against his being seated on the ground, that though he is not a polygamist himself, he owes allegiance to the church which countenances it contrary to law, and it is alleged that his allegiance to the Mormon church is made paramount to his loyalty to his country. The committee is investigating the charges against Mr. Smoot, and President Smith, the head of the church, is one of the witnesses. He makes a mighty bad showing and had better stayed at home if he wanted to help Mr. Smoot. He admitted that he had five wives and that he was living with them contrary to the laws of the land, and that he intended to continue to do so.

Two Murders in Robeson.
The most atrocious crime committed in this section for years occurred yesterday afternoon, three miles east of this place, when Alonzo Weatherly shot and instantly killed Dol Jackson, a highly respected farmer. Weatherly immediately sought refuge in the Croatan settlement, where he became involved in a quarrel with a member of that race, Joe Locklear, resulting in the killing of Locklear's daughter, who was acting in the capacity of peacemaker. At this hour reports are meager, though it seems that unfriendly feelings have existed between Jackson and Weatherly for some time, owing to a misunderstanding in a business transaction. Two deputies with a posse and hounds scoured the swamps in which he was in hiding, and Weatherly was captured today at Purvis and lodged in jail at Lumberton.

Japan Laughs at Russia.
Tokio, March 5.—Japan addressed a note to the powers today in response to the recent communication from Russia. The note has not been published here and its contents are unknown. Russia's various communications to the powers attacking Japan for its conduct of diplomatic negotiations before their rupture, for its attack upon Russia without declaration of war, and for its alleged violation of the neutrality of Korea, have been received in Japan largely in the spirit of amusement. The Japanese resent what is alleged to be a deliberate attempt to place them in a false position regarding certain incidents, but in the main do not take the correspondence seriously. Responding to the charge of violating the neutrality of Korea, they point to the action of Russia in Manchuria, where thousands of troops were assembled long before a diplomatic rupture occurred. They say they are fully prepared to accept the judgment of the powers on a comparison of their course in Korea, where they landed troops only after a state of war existed and upon the written permission of the Emperor of Korea. They deny that Chemulpo was a neutral port after the Japanese landed on February 8th, but whether it was neutral or belligerent Russia began hostilities there. When the Russian gulfboat Korietz steamed out of the harbor of Chemulpo on the afternoon of February 16th, she opened fire on the Japanese squadron, making the opening shot of the war. The Japanese guns did not reply, but the

initial advance was largely influenced by the firm showing of the Liverpool spot market where good sales were reported at an advance of 16 points. This was pointed to as evidencing some anxiety as to spinners whose takings thus far for the season have been nearly 250,000 bales behind last year's as to future supplies, but official advices from the Southern spot markets do not yet reflect any increase either in export or domestic demand.

QUEEN BEES.
Wonderful Provision of Nature Which They Are Made.
A marvelous phase of bee life is the power which they possess to raise queens, or mother bees, from eggs or very young brood that would in the ordinary course produce workers, which are neuter, or undeveloped females. If by any chance a queen is killed or lost the whole colony would perish were it not for this wonderful provision of nature. Much perturbed at first at their loss, the bees after some hours settle down and deliberately build a pear shaped structure known as a queen cell. This is much larger than an ordinary cell, rough, irregular and strong. In this the selected eggs or larvae are lavishly supplied with "royal jelly," which is highly stimulative and in which the baby queen literally floats during her period of growth. The result is that certain organs and ovaries which remain dormant in a worker bee are perfected, and the new queen hatches out in about fifteen days, or six days sooner than the workers.—London Answers.

Headresses in Africa.
The married women and the men of the upper Mobang wear their hair long and in braids, which are profusely adorned with colored beads woven in and out among the locks. This coiffure excites the astonishment of all travelers who see it. Coquetry is the privilege of the sex under the tropics as well as in civilized lands, and the women are very proud of their headresses. The arrangement of their hair requires a number of days, and while it is in progress or when they cover the hair with a finely woven net of wool fiber, ivory needles hand-somely carved keep the arrangement in position and give it a truly artistic aspect.

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