

MAJOR HINDE RELATES A STORY OF THE SOUTH SEA

Monroe Man Once Witnessed Shelling of King's Palace Because of Mistreatment of British Subject.

HOW THE AMERICAN WAS AIDED

A Paris dispatch calls attention to the fact that Capt. Emmet Kilpatrick, a former Red Cross Captain, is in jail sentenced to 20 years imprisonment, in Moscow. The dispatch goes on to say: "Does it no longer mean anything to be an American citizen. A common beach-comber any effort to help its people in Moscow?"

It further states that all the British prisoners have been released through the efforts of their government.

Major Hinde, who was for a number of years in the service of the British government, commenting on this dispatch said: "The English government has always taken care of its citizen. Cannot the government make citizens. A common beach-comber in the South Seas was just as carefully protected in his rights as any other citizen who resided in London. You may have noticed that the Mexicans, even, have always taken care that they did not step too heavily on the British lion's toes. I was once a witness to a case which covers this exactly. On the island of the Samoan group, which are very rich and fertile, quite a number of American and British subjects had taken up land by purchase from the native chiefs, which purchases were approved by the then king, Malietoa, and by the consent of the nations who, by agreement, ruled the islands, or held the islands under their protection; for Malietoa was king only in name.

American's Plantation Burned.

"One day two whale boats came flying into the harbor of Apia from one of the outlying islands of the group. One was owned by an Englishman whom we will call Brown, and the other to a Yankee trader called French. They both had the same tale to tell. The chief on the island where they had their land became dissatisfied with the payment they had made him for their land, and had come down and with his warriors had burned down their houses, destroyed their shell and copra (dried coconut) houses, and stolen everything that he could lay his hands on besides cutting down their plantation trees and destroying their taro patches. In fact, he had utterly ruined and laid waste their plantations, and they only escaped because he was afraid to pursue their whale boats in the face of their Winchester and Colts.

The British consul, as soon as he had taken a sworn statement from the man and his witnesses, and seen from the records that Brown was really the legal owner of the land, simply called in a man-of-war schooner and told the captain to throw a couple of sixty-four-pound shells into the native village and see if the chief would not be brought to reason. Without any further parley this was done and when the first shell dropped in the king's house blowing it to pieces, that worthy appeared on the shore with his men waving palm branches and other greenery and the man-of-war sent in a boat when the following colloquy took place:

Forces Chief to Make Reparations.

"Chief: What for you fire big fellow shell, place belong me. Kill one fellow many plenty fellow men."
"Officer: What for you make war along Borretania. Burn one fellow house, makey break up all fellow copra, cut all banana?"

"The chief was soon made to see that when he attacked a British trader he was attacking England, or as the natives call it 'Beretania.' The result was that a fine of five thousand dollars was levied and the chief required to replace all the houses and goods lost; to replant all the plantations and to supply the needs of the trader until these began to bear again.

"Well, what happened to our Yankee friend. He went up to the Consulate General where he found the consul sitting smoking and enjoying a cool drink on the verandah. He was promptly invited to take a drink and tell his tale. This he promptly did.

What Happened to Our Yankee Friend
"Wal, what the — do you expect me to do?" said the consul. "I'll tell the king about it, he may do something, but I don't suppose the old devil will."

"But" said the trader, "I have lost everything and I want you to make the chief make it good."

"The — you do," said the consul, "I suppose that you expect me to send to San Francisco for a blooming battle ship to fight for you, eh?" and he chuckled at his own. "Why don't you go back to the United States and live if you want the police to look after you?"

"There was nothing now to be done, so the poor devil went off almost crying. He was utterly ruined. He had not even a change of clothing. All he had was his whale boat, which is the usual thing to travel in, in the islands.

British Consul Aids Him.

"On the way he passed the British consulate, and he asked the consul's advice. The consul told him that he could not interfere, but he would give him a bit of advice. He said "take my boat's crew, they are in the consular uniform; hoist the stars and stripes on the boat and go straight to the village and tell that chief that if he does not do for you as good as he did for the Englishman that you will have a Yankee battleship come and blow his village off the face of the earth." The American, who was a good poker player, and knew that a bluff will work once in a while, took the consul's advice and went. The chief was very much afraid after the damage the British shell had done in the village, and the bluff worked all except the fine, which he did not get; but anyhow the example was a good one and they were left in peace; and as the "one fellow many" that was killed happened to be the chief's principal wife, for the natives call all

women starve, the chief was well punished.

Ought to Reprimand Bolsheviks.

"That will give you a fair idea of the way that we protect our citizens and the way that the British do it. There is no wonder to be expressed at the fact that the Union Jack of England is feared and respected in every isle of the sea. The French are the same. If you mess with a Frenchman you will find a warship on the job and quick; but we seem to think that a man has no right to leave the United States to invest money or if he does it he does it at his own risk. We don't seem to have the time to bother to protect him. "And then we wonder that our flag is not respected as it ought to be. "We ought to tell those bolsheviks that if our people are not released quickly from the filthy prisons—and no one that has not seen them knows how filthy they are and can be—that there will be something doing in Russia and that P. D. Q."

Methodist Men's Business Class Held Interesting Meeting.

Last Thursday evening at 7:45 about one hundred of the members of the Men's Bible Class met in the basement of the Sunday school building of Central Methodist church, Mr. Jenkins, of Trinity church, Charlotte, made the principal speech of the evening. He is an earnest and interesting speaker, and his message will not soon be forgotten. Mr. Jenkins is known as one of the liveliest Sunday school workers and organizers in the state. Responses were made by Mr. W. M. Gordon, president of the class, Dr. Weaver, and Messrs. M. K. Lee, W. F. Starnes and S. G. Hawfield.

Of special interest and entertainment was the musical part of the program. It was of an exceptionally high order. It consisted of a piano solo by Mrs. Ray Funderburk; a duet by Mrs. Henry Laney and Mrs. John Hudson, of Raleigh and a solo by Mrs. Yates, accompanied by Mrs. Henry Laney. The members of the class feel deeply indebted to these ladies for the success of this part of the program.

Also a feature of the evening that appealed to all was the refreshments. Everybody got a plate loaded down with chicken salad, sandwiches, pickles, waters and a cup of hot coffee. This part of the program was in charge of Mesdames Aitha Stevens, L. N. Presson, W. S. Blakeney, W. M. Gordon, Zeb Faulkner, C. C. Weaver, Irvin Stack and W. B. Love.

The goal of the class, so far as material progress goes, is to open in the new Sunday school building within about three weeks with an active and working membership of 150. It is planned to have one social evening a month. Every man from twenty years old up, not lined up with some Sunday school, is cordially and earnestly invited to fall in line with this organization or class.

Automobile Tumbles Over 250-Foot Embankment

Bristol, Va., Tenn., April 7.—After plunging 250 feet over a precipice in an automobile without injury to themselves, two young men and three girls were fined Saturday in Gate City, Va., for being drunk and disorderly, according to accounts reaching here today.

In its long fall the car turned over endwise several times and was completely demolished. In some miraculous manner none of the passengers were hurt except for a few scratches. The accident occurred at Dug Hill, near Gate City. In the car were John Barrett, H. E. Cooper, Bonnie Johnson, Sylvius Johnson, and Georgia Davidson.

THE OLD DISTRICT SCHOOL.

Popular Play to Be Given at Benton Heights School House Friday, April 8th, at 8 P. M.

The adults of Benton Heights will present "The Old District School" Friday, April 8, at 8 p. m. This is a very popular play and much preparation is being made to present it in "ye olden times." Come, laugh and help others to be jolly. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

How a Rat Nearly Destroyed Mrs. L. Bowen's (R. I.) House

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I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election as alderman from ward one, subject to the action of the democratic primary.
W. F. LEMMOND.

For Alderman, Ward Three.
I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election as alderman from the third ward, subject to the action of the democratic primary.
J. B. SIMPSON.

For Alderman Ward Three.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman from ward three, subject to the Democratic primary.
J. T. SHUTE.

For Mayor.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for mayor, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.
T. FRANK LIMERICK.

For Alderman Fourth Ward.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman from the fourth ward, subject to the Democratic primary.
W. E. FUNDERBURK.

For Alderman Fourth Ward.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman from the fourth ward, subject to the Democratic primary.
V. H. WOOD.

For Alderman From Ward One.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman from Ward 1, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.
LEE BROOM.

For Mayor.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for mayor, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.
J. D. McRAE.

For Mayor.
I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Mayor of the City of Monroe, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. J. C. M. VANN.

For Alderman Ward Four
I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman from ward four, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. E. G. FAUST.

For Alderman Ward Four.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman from ward four, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.
J. DUNHAM BUNDY.

For Alderman from Ward Two.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman from ward two subject to the action of the Democratic primary. P. HAYNE JOHNSON

For Alderman from Ward One.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman from ward one, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. W. J. TRULL.

For Alderman, Fifth Ward.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for alderman from the fifth ward, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.
J. W. FOWLER.

For Alderman From Fourth Ward
We, the voters of the fourth ward, hereby announce the candidacy of Mr. J. W. Lathan as alderman from our ward, subject to the action of the Democratic primary VOTERS.

For Alderman Ward Two.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman from Ward Two, subject to the Democratic Primary.
O. H. MOORE.

For Alderman, Ward Five.
I hereby announce my candidacy for alderman from Ward Five, subject to the Democratic primary.
D. F. EUBANKS

For Alderman in Ward Two.
I hereby announce my candidacy for alderman in ward two, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.
AMOS STACK.

NOTICE OF CITY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

Notice is hereby given that a primary for the nomination of a Mayor and five Aldermen for the City of Monroe, N. C., on the 16th day of April, 1921, in which all registered democratic voters of the city are invited to participate. All voters will be allowed one vote for Mayor and one for Alderman in the ward in which they live. Hours for said primary will be from 8 o'clock a. m. until 7 o'clock p. m. In case a second primary is necessary it will be held at the same place and between the same hours on Saturday the 23rd day of April, 1921. All persons desiring to become candidates in this primary must notify the undersigned at least five days before the first primary. All candidates for mayor are assessed the sum of two dollars, and all candidates for aldermen are assessed the sum of one dollar to pay the expenses of said primary payable to the undersigned on or before the 11th day of April, 1921.
C. S. LEE, Jr., Secretary
City Democratic Executive Com.

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This should not be tolerated. The Readjustment is not injuring the business of this city, but on the contrary putting it on a better and healthier basis, and we all feel safer than under the abnormal conditions we have passed thru. We are building up better sales organizations and offering the public today better built products at greater values than at any time in the past three years.

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