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## Third Award Period Ends Saturday, Nov. 18

### PENN'S PLEASING CONTEST

Let every one thoroughly understand that the Third Special Award offered in connection with Penns Pleasing Contest, as announced in the last issue of this paper comes to a close Saturday night November 18, when the Lady has polled the most votes from Oct. 29 to Nov. 18, inclusive will receive the \$10.00 special award. Also bear in mind that the votes polled during this Special Period remain to the credit of the Contestant when the Grand Awards of \$100.00 in Gold are paid at the close of Penns Pleasing Contest. You should therefore exert every effort to poll votes for your favorite during this special period for she may be the one to receive the \$10.00 and every vote counts that much toward making her one to participate in the grand distribution just prior to Christmas.

Possibly greater activity is being manifested in the vicinity of Mount Airy but the men of Mt. Airy proper can be depended on to leave nothing undone for their favorites before the Contest closes. Considerable voting has been done this week. No end of votes will be deposited prior to Saturday night the 18, for everyone realizes that any

new Contestant has a fair and equal showing. No one can even predict after the close of the Third Special award period who the successful Contestants will be for the Grand Awards.

Only Tobaccos of the genuine merit and quality as Penns No. 1 Sun Light Sun Cured, Red J and Queen Quality could produce the activity and interest as is being manifested. Everyone who has become acquainted with the satisfying qualities of these brands fully realize their economy and the fact that already Penns No. 1 Sun Light Sun Cured, Red J and Queen Quality rank among the leading sellers of Mt. Airy and vicinity is evidence sufficient that these clean tobaccos are destined to be the constant and ever pleasing companions of the discriminating tobacco user. Practically every dealer in Mt. Airy and vicinity can supply your requirements in these high grade tobaccos. Every \$5 purchase carries a vote. Place your favorite in the Contest, make her a winner—use the best tobaccos that nature can produce and

### VOTE OFTEN

#### China's Peril.

Charlotte Observer.

The axiom that the danger of an arbitrary government is never so great as when it begins turning to reform has been quoted, with obvious Chinese revolt. As usual in such cases, reform was delayed much too long. The Chinese government showed itself like the Bourbon government of France. Now that it has evinced a willingness to yield anything and everything, its offers are ungraciously and distrustfully received. It can only hope for such an outcome as attended the Russian uprisings during the Russo-Japanese war, when the coerced rulers at least kept the control of events in their hands. There is a special resemblance too, between the Cossacks who were the Russian government's mainstay and the Manchu troops who are bound to the reigning dynasty by ties of race and by the dislike entertained toward both among the native Chinese people. But whereas the Russian army as a whole remained loyal to the Czar the Chinese army, most of the Manchu troops excepted, is unreservedly on the popular side. Its attitude is rather like that which the Turkish army took during the revolt against Abdul Hamid II, namely, one of actual initiative and leadership in revolt.

The danger now is not that the revolt will fail, but that it will go too far. Yuan Chi Kai, the ablest and most progressive of living Chinese statesmen, has resigned the premiership which he had accepted only a few days before. The popular demand, evidently, is not a same leader, a moderate, but for a man who will go about recklessly tearing things down. In other words, Yuan Chi Kai is rejected just as the French revolutionists rejected La Fayette. Possibly, like La Fayette, he found himself and his counsels equally disliked by the revolutionists and by the throne.

Since the revolt began the popular antagonism to nationalization and foreignization of new railroad projects has become merged in the wider issues involved. China is rebelling against a largely alien and almost wholly corrupt oligarchy. There have been such rebellions before, but whereas all these were inspired by little more than blind resentment the present upheaval has behind it the manifold influences for progress which have come in from abroad. It contemplates not merely the removal of an unendurably bad mandarin here or there but a scheme of things under which bad mandarins will no longer exist. It bears no violently anti-foreign aspect, except in so far as the Manchus are concerned. It is not inspired by superstition or by the hardships of plague and famine—though

these last have been an important secondary factor in a large part of the territory involved. All central China, from Shanghai up the Yangtze river to the mountainous desert beyond, has been inspired to revolt by confined until recently to a few foreign-educated Chinese alone. The Occidental leaven has permeated this vast lump and China is now revolting not along traditionally Chinese but along modern, Western lines.

In the opinion of judicious observers as quoted by the Associated Press correspondent at Peking, "the country has gone mad, and well-wishers of China hope to see a man in office who can dictate, namely, Chang Shao Theng." Strong-handed action of some kind is certainly necessary to secure that degree of order in which alone national destinies can be intelligently or lastingly worked out. Otherwise China may repeat the terrible example of France. Where is the statesman warrior who can prevent popular triumph from degenerating into rule by demagogues and from bringing back arbitrary government in the end. Well might the true Chinese patriot now pray,

"God send us a man with heart, head and hand  
Like some of the simple great ones gone

Forever and ever by;  
One still, strong man in a blatant land,  
Whatever they call him—what care I?

Aristocrat, democrat, autocrat—one  
Who can rule and dare not lie."

#### Notice.

By virtue of a deed of trust executed to me by J. M. Wood and wife M. J. Wood on March the 13th, 1907, and recorded in Registers office of Surry County, Book 30 of Deed of Trust age 408, said trust being executed to secure a debt of \$245.62 due to Mrs. Bettie C. Franklin, the same being due and unpaid and she having made demand on me to make sale of the land hereinafter described I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House door in Dobson on the 4th day of Dec. 1911 the following real estate to-wit:  
A tract of land lying and being in Surry County N. C. adjoining the lands of J. F. Haymore, on the north U. G. Riggins on the north east, on the South by the lands of N. J. Martin. Sold to him by said J. M. Wood and wife and the west by the lands of Rankins and containing 43 acres more or less and being the land whereon said J. M. Wood now lives. For courses and distances of original tract reference is had to Deed made by Harris and heirs to J. M. Wood and recorded in Registers office of Surry County Book of deeds No. 36 page 462 from which there has been sold to Nick Wood about 50 acres and N. J. Martin about 51 acres.  
This 21st Oct. 1911.  
T. W. Folger, Trustee.

### AVIATOR COMPLETES AIR-JOURNEY FROM ATLANTIC TO PACIFIC.

Mob of Enthusiastic People Greet Him on Landing—Started From New York on September 17.

Pasadena, Cal., Nov. 5.—C. P. Rodgers, completed his transcontinental flight today, landing here at 4:04 p. m. He left New York September 17.

Official figures of Rodgers' flight given by his manager show: Total distance 4,231 miles, flying time 4,924 minutes.

Rodgers landed at 4:10 o'clock. Tomorrow he expects to fly out over the Pacific and thus make the epoch-making feature of aviation.

Rodgers appeared in the sky shortly after 3 o'clock. He was sighted by telescopes from the solar observatory on Mount Wilson and word flashed down the mountain by telephone brought 2,000 persons to Tournament park.

Flying at a height of about 5,000 feet, Rodgers hovered over the city for a few minutes, then circled in a wide spiral and was planed down. His landing was a signal for a rush and Rodgers literally was mobbed.

Rodgers started on the last dash of his flight from Banning, Cal., a little town out in the desert where his arrival had interrupted the only diversion of the year—the funeral dance of the Mojave Indians.

Taking the air at noon, Rodgers ascended gracefully in the face of a 20-mile wind until he had reached an altitude of 400 feet. Then he set his course directly west and sparked his motor up to a thirty-mile gait.

The flier arrived over Colton at 1:37 p. m., with his altitude increased to 1,000 feet and he kept this height until he neared Pomona, 21 miles from Pasadena. He remained there until after 3 o'clock renewing his supply of gasoline and refilling the tank of the leaking radiator that stopped him at Colton yesterday.

After leaving Pomona Rodgers kept his biplane pointing upward until he had climbed over the highest peaks of the Sierra Madre mountains. As he sped on the finish at Tournament park, he was on a level with the Mount Wilson observatory and flying close to the ragged sides of the mountain.

His machine, a Baby Wright that has only an 18-foot spread of wings, seemed to hesitate for an instant as the aviator carried it into the perilous though spectacular, spiral glide. At this time he was directly over the park, but as he came down his flier described ever-widening curves until he was within a few hundred feet of the ground. Then Rodgers performed one of the dips Arch Hoxsey was taking when he was killed at Dominguez, within sight of Mount Wilson last December.

Rodgers declared that his own flight, begun September 17 and finished today, 49 days later would not be duplicated for a year or more.

### Bound Over For Murder After Lapse of 32 Years.

Spartanburg, S. C., Nov. 4.—After a lapse of 32 years Richard Abernethy was bound over to Superior court on the charge of murdering William A. Abbott in 1879. It is alleged Abernethy killed Abbott and then placed his body on the railroad tracks to be mangled by a train. Recently while in an alleged intoxicated condition Abernethy is said to have declared he killed Abbott and disposed of the body. A brother of the dead man started an investigation which led to the arrest.

### Value of Sand-Clay Roads.

North Carolina is rapidly coming around to an appreciation of the value of sand-clay roads as a permanent form of building material. The old system of macadamizing is gradually losing in popular favor, and, strange as it may appear, experiments are teaching that the best substitute for this improved method is, after all, the cheapest. It is calculated that the sand-clay roads now being constructed in Cleveland county cost only \$250 a mile, while the average cost of a mile of macadam in Mecklenburg, which has more than 200 miles of the improvement, is roughly estimated at \$4,500. For elasticity and for permanency, the sand-clay variety is regarded as vastly superior to the macadam.—Charlotte Observer.

### A BIG ROBBERY OF U. S. MAIL

An Unexplained Robbery of the United States Mail Occurred in or Near Greensboro Recently, the Robber or Robbers Making Away With a Registered Mail Package Containing \$20,000 in Cash.

Recently a mysterious and as yet unexplained robbery of the United States mail occurred in or near Greensboro; \$20,000 was the loot obtained by the robber or robbers at the single haul, and there is, so far as known, absolutely no clue to the identity of the party who got away with it. The money stolen was in the form of cash and was the contents of a registered mail package.

The registered mail pouch carrying this large amount of money arrived in Greensboro from Raleigh and was received for, according to requirements, by the railway mail clerk on the northbound train. The pouch was received and had not been tampered with, but from that hour on the exchange of guardians to this, nothing further has been heard of the United States pouch nor its valuable contents.

#### Clerk Suspended.

Following the discovery of the theft, the mail clerk who last had possession of the pouch was unable to explain its disappearance. He remembered seeing the pouch lying on a truck under the shed, failed to note its disappearance, and only discovered the loss when he found himself unable to account for the package for which he had signed the registry book.

The mail clerk on the train from the east had done his duty, secured the signature of the man who followed him in the duty of caring for the registered package, and when he turned the pouch over to his fellow employee of the road, his responsibility ceased.

The last clerk signing for the mysterious registered pouch has been suspended from his position and will remain off the job until the matter is cleared up, though he seems to be guiltless.

#### Vanished in Air.

It would seem that the lost mail pouch must have vanished in thin air, for there appears to be no tenable theory to explain its disappearance. It was seen after being turned over at the local station, and must have been stolen while it was waiting for the northbound mail train to leave the station, providing that the last mail clerk to sign for the article is as innocent of its loss as he says he is and is generally believed.

It was the duty of the railway clerk to open his pouches of this nature after leaving the station in order to route their contents properly, and it was when he looked for the lost pouch to do this that he discovered that it was not on the train. He was not supposed to know how valuable the package was, nor was any of the other employees handling the pouch supposed to know of the presence, inside, of the \$20,000 in cash.

#### Epidemic of Robbery.

This is the second robbery of this nature to occur in the past month's time, both bearing such earmarks of sameness as to give rise to the belief that there is a series of systematic and highly intelligent robberies of the mails being carried on. The other robbery referred to was that told of in a dispatch printed in The Record last week, in which another mail pouch was stolen at Lynchburg, carrying with it the loss of exactly the same amount of money as contained in the one taken in Greensboro—\$20,000.

It is the custom of National banks to send currency from one point to another by the registered mail in this manner, which has enabled robbers to get safely away with \$40,000 in cash. Negotiable securities, being worthless to the banks receiving the money, when it is the cash needed for carrying on the banking business, this means of its transportation from one place to another is made use of.

These registered packages with valuable contents are always insured for the trip and their loss falls neither on the bank or other sender nor upon the carrier, but must be made good by the insurance company.

The robbery here is being investigated, but it was not until very recently that the fact of the theft was known outside the official circles of the railway company.

### ITALIANS LOSE GROUND

Despite This Army is Pressed By Arabs While Cholera is Raging in Its Ranks.

London, Nov. 4.—"Annasias in his palmist days never wrote half as many falsehoods and misrepresentations as have appeared in the Italian press and in the official statements issued by the Italian government," telegraphs the correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Company, Ltd., at Tripoli, who arrived at Malta today.

From Malta he was able to send an uncensored message which contains a pessimistic description of the condition of the Italian army around what he terms the besieged city of Tripoli.

#### Cholera Rages.

He says: "To sum up the results of the campaign: The Italians hold, with nearly twice as many men, half the ground that they held three weeks ago. They have lost in killed and wounded, not counting the sick, well over 1,000 men. Many Arabs have been killed and vast numbers were shot in cold blood. Now 25,000 soldiers find themselves with their backs to the sea, cramped and confined, with an active enemy within a few yards of them and with cholera raging, for despite official efforts to conceal the truth, there have been many cases among the troops and the civil population is suffering so much that whole streets in Tripoli have been closed by armed sentries.

"There has been no disgrace. On the contrary, the Italian troops fought with great courage and their officers set a noble example."

The Arabs have advanced their artillery and are shelling the Italians. One shell dropped into General Caneva's headquarters. The foreign military attaches have been kept aboard a boat and not permitted to land; the explanation given that it would be too dangerous for them to go ashore.

#### NIGHTLY RAIDS.

The Turks and Arabs, the correspondent says, holds the oasis, 15 miles long and from two to five miles deep, where they can subsist on dates and olives until April, meantime harrassing the Italians by nightly raids. There are no signs of the Italians preparing to advance. The correspondent describes the spirits of the invading army as demoralized. The men expected a short and sharp campaign. Instead, they are lying in the trenches with sand storms blowing over or rains soaking them with continual night alarm. They are disgusted with the war and hate the country. They long to return home.

"For four days after the engagement of October 23, the Italian soldiers engaged in indiscriminate slaughter of the Arab population under General Caneva's sanction," continues the correspondent. "Caneva first issued a general order to shoot all Arabs found with arms, but only when caught by troops in charge of officers. The troops complained that numbers of Arabs had hidden their arms and resumed work as husbandmen. Thereupon General Caneva issued another order to shoot all Arabs who could reasonably be suspected of having borne arms."

#### SHOOT ALL ENCOUNTERED.

"The blood of the men was up naturally as they had seen their comrades shot from behind and, it is reported, even mutilated, though of this it is impossible to ascertain the truth. With their excitable temperament and highly developed imagination, the Italians suspected every living soul of guilt, and for four days gangs of soldiers often without officers, shot every one they encountered."

Previous to October 23, the correspondent says, the Italians treated the Arabs with the utmost kindness and says it is only fair to say that many Italian officers, who looked at the affair calmly afterwards, deplored it.

"The troops," adds the correspondent, "made a clean sweep of that portion of the oasis in which they were fired upon from the rear, although there is no certain proof that any Arab in the west end of that section took part in the rising and there were vast numbers of women and boys who were perfectly innocent." Of these nearly all the men and even the boys above a certain age, were shot, while undoubtedly many women perished."

### Honor Roll For Second Month.

This honor roll shows that these pupils were present on time every day of last month and that their conduct and their work in their studies were very satisfactory. No pupils' name is placed on the honor roll if he is absent a single day or if he is tardy a single time in the month or if he gets more than one "2" on his studies.

First Grade B.—Mabel McMillan, Margaret Poteat, Edith Sprinkle, Willie Jones, Hugh Hennis, Frances Foy, Elizabeth Ashby, Virginia Gallo-way.

First Grade A.—Howard Cain, A. B. Martin, Robert Smith, Dessie Council, Viola Sprinkle, May Wagoner, Myrtle Davis.

Second Grade.—Love Banner, Maud Blalock, Kathleen Bryan, Agnes Gilbert, Ethel Jones, Howard Jones, Pearl Brannock, Luna Cain, Parker Hatcher, Ossie Quesinbury, Lena Seal.

Third Grade.—Charles Smith, Maggie Peters, Paul Adams, Howard Peele, Leonard Cain, Nell Folger, Margie Stack, Elizabeth Baldrige, Jessie Johnson, Katherine Merritt, Pierson Norman, Lillian Taylor, Rosa York.

Fourth Grade.—Addie Roberson, Nonnie Jessup, Frances Hennis, Thelma Hennis, Chester Simmons, Lillian Sparger, Una Seal.

Fifth Grade.—Pearl Campbell, Howell Hatcher, Bessie Adams, Mattie Wall, Mary Herring, Jettie Moody, Willie McKnight, Lawson Smith, Robert Hollingsworth, Thelma Council, Carrie O'Neal, Haywood Merritt, Vera Thompson.

Sixth Grade.—Claude Absher, John Ashby, Lee Burrus, Walter Carter, Alma Everett, Deanna Griffith, Wade Hatcher, Guy Hill, Walter Rierson, Elizabeth Smith.

Seventh Grade.—Virginia Brown, William Dix.

Eighth Grade.—Jesse Jeffreys, Peck Hatcher, Estelle Howard, Tesh.

Ninth Grade.—Lucien Wrenn.

Tenth Grade.—Elsie Sparger.

### Dug Up the Gold and Got Away With It.

Galveston, Tex., Nov. 4.—Spanish coins and jewelry upon which a valuation of \$20,000 was placed by the men who took possession were dug from under an old Spanish fort at Anarua, a small settlement in Double Bayou, which empties into the upper Galveston Bay.

Three men appeared some days ago and announcing themselves as oil prospectors sank several holes with drills, then began digging under the ruins of the old fort.

They found and removed a metal chest about three feet long and eighteen inches deep, which they said when about to be arrested was the property of the father of one of the men in the party. He produced a crudely drawn chart showing the fort and designing the burying place of the chest. The stranger said his grandfather and others buried the treasure when pressed by Mexicans back in the early '40's. They were permitted to leave with the valuables.

An oak tree near the fort bears two crosses and the figures 575 cut deep into the trunk.

### Seven Brothers are Made Masons at One Whack.

Medora, Ill., Nov. 4.—Thousands of members of the Masonic fraternity in Illinois are making preparations to attend a special communication of the order at Palmyra November 8, when the degree of Master Mason will be conferred upon seven brothers.

The brothers are Charles, Albert, Morris, Robert, James, Edward and William Ross. They are all farmers, living near Palmyra.

Members of the order say the meeting will be unique in the history of Free Masonry. It is rare that seven brothers are found living in the same community. Of that number of brothers is seldom one has not already joined the fraternity. All were successful in passing a clear ballot. The number seven has besides a peculiar significance in the order.

"I do not believe there is any other medicine so good for whooping cough as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes Mrs. Francis Turpin, Junction City, Ore. This remedy is also unsurpassed for colds and croup. For sale by all dealers.