

ROMANCE

OF THE DARDANELLES.

Attention of the World Now
Drawn to This Important
Point.

HELLESPONT FAMOUS IN HISTORY AND
FICTION.

Immortalized By the Tragic Love Story of
Hero and Leander.—Lord Byron's
Daring Feat.

The attention of the whole civilized world has been drawn to the empire of the Sultan on account of the bloody events that have recently transpired there. In the telegraphic reports there have been frequent allusion to the Dardanelles. It is a very important point.

The Dardanelles is a favorite place in mythology and history. Its banks and waters are rich in the memories of famous men and happenings.

The Dardanelles is the Hellespont of old. The place is sacred to the memory of Hero and Leander. It is a narrow strip of water scarcely a mile in width and hardly forty in length. It connects the Sea of Marmosa with the Grecian Archipelago. The current is swift and strong and the steep cliffs frown down on the puffing steamship of to-day very much in the same way that they looked upon the shield-skirted, long-oared boats that battled at Salamis. And from the beginning of history the strait has served as a narrow medium of communication between the learning and civilization of the West and superstition of the Orient.

Its earliest history reeked with romance. Every one knows the story of the Golden Fleece, which was instrumental in giving it its name of Hellespont. Phrixus and Helle, the children of Athamus, the Prince of Boeotia, were about to be sacrificed to Jupiter, when they were saved by their mother, Nepheia, who, mounted them on the lamb of the Golden Fleece, which could sail through the air and tread the waters. But fate pursued, and while crossing this narrow strait Helle fell off and perished. The place was named for her, Helle, and the Greek word, pontus, for sea. And thus came the name Hellespont.

Of all the mythological tales that hover about the strait none is more beautiful than that of Hero and Leander. Its tender sentiment has been the inspiration of more than one poet. The ill-starred Marlowe made it the subject of an exquisite creation. Both Goethe and Schiller have adorned the German with the story of the fatal love, and Keats, in a sonnet, has treated the subject in some of his most exquisite verse.

Hero and Leander lived on opposite shores of the Hellespont. Hero was as fair as the fairest of the Grecian virgins, and Leander was a young Apollo. She lived at Sestos on the European shore, and his home was at Abydos, on the shore of Asia. Leander loved Hero dearly; in fact, so dearly that he swam the Hellespont every night to see his mistress. Whenever she wanted him to come she stood out on a cliff and waved a torch. And the sign of fire was given every night. But there came a time when the torch was waved and when Leander started to breast the waters. But the waves were high, and the gallant lover sank forever beneath the billows. And when the heart-broken maid saw the body of her lover washed high upon the shore she plunged into the seething waters and sought death. Thus were Hero and Leander united in life and death.

Another beautiful story lingers about the banks of the Hellespont. It is said that the domains of the foolish King Midas overlooked the waters. Hawthorne has told the story of the greedy monarch and his little Marigold; how he soon tired of the touch of gold and was sick at heart that there was so much wealth. Ancient Troy, that place made famous by Homeric lines, stood upon the cliffs of the Hellespont. Often on their sum-

mits the fair Helen gazed down upon the rushing waters. Recently ruins have been discovered that fixes the location of Troy at the Hellespont.

In one of the little Islands that lie near the opening of the strait is the Island which is said to have been the home of the erratic Sappho.

An interesting fact in connection with the Hellespont is that it is probably the only stream in the world that was ever treated to a first class flogging. But, for all that, it has not behaved any better since that time. It happened this way: When the mighty Xerxes undertook the invasion and subjugation of Greece it became necessary to bridge the Hellespont. Accordingly an army of engineers was dispatched to the waters, and for a year they labored. As a result a double bridge of boats was thrown across, making what was called the royal highway into Greece. And when, after eight years of preparation, a violent storm arose, and much of the work was destroyed. When the ire of the monarch was aroused, and in a fit of rage he ordered that the Hellespont be given 200 lashes. The scourge was given with a will, and, in addition, a curse was placed upon the water. This is the only time when the water was whipped, and the only other similar case is when the Atlantic incurred the displeasure of Canute.

A hundred years after the hosts of Xerxes went over the Hellespont to meet defeat at Thermopylae Alexander the Great crossed the water with his legions for the invasion of Asia. It is thought that Themistocles spent his exile on the banks of the strait, and near it is the tomb of Euripides.

In the Christian era the Dardanelles, which, by the way, received its name from the town of Dardannus, in the Troad, remained a point of the greatest importance. Its most recent fame comes from the exploit of Byron. In 1809 he decided to emulate Leander. Accordingly on a March morning he swam from Sestos to Abydos, a distance of one mile, but on account of the roughness of the waves and the current he was compelled to cover a distance of about three miles. Byron accomplished the feat in safety, and on the same night wrote a poem commemorating the event. The Hellespont figures prominently in the "Bride of Abydos."

The Dardanelles to-day is strongly fortified, and the passage can be easily defended. In times of war it is a strong hold. It is the key to Constantinople, and by the treaty of Berlin the Sultan obtained the right of refusing passage to any vessel not having his firman.

Unique Picture of a Cotton Field.

The splendid exhibit of the German Kall Works occupies the most conspicuous place in the Agricultural building of the Cotton States and International Exposition at Atlanta. One of the striking things of this exhibit is the large oil painting, which shows many rows of fine, healthy cotton growing side by side with rows of cotton plants suffering from leaf blight.

This picture is no "fancy sketch." It was not drawn from the imagination. On the contrary, this view of a cotton field is a faithful reproduction in oil of an actual scene by the celebrated artist, Mr. Geo. Welch, of New York city.

The original of this painting is a photograph taken by Mr. Geo. F. Atkinson of the Experiment Station of the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Auburn, Alabama. The story back of this fine painting should be read carefully by every cotton planter of the South.

Marvelous Results.

From a letter written by Rev. J. Gunderman, of Dimondale, Mich., we are permitted to make this extract: "I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery, as the results were almost marvelous in the case of my wife. While I was pastor of the Baptist church at Rives Junction she was brought down with Pneumonia succeeding La Grippe. Terrible paroxysms of coughing would last hours with little interruption and it seemed as if she could not survive them. A friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery; it was quick in its work and highly satisfactory in results." Trial bottles free at O. M. Royster's Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

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THE A. M. E. CONFERENCE

Meeting at Morganton Last Week and This Week.

The W. N. C. Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church of Western North Carolina and part of South Carolina met at Morganton last week, on Wednesday and continued in session until Monday of this week. The presiding Bishop was Rt. Rev. J. C. Clinton, D. D., of Chester, S. C., with Rev. D. C. Covington, of Hickory as Secretary. The following are the appointments for the ensuing year. It will be noticed that Rev. D. C. Covington is transferred from Hickory and Rev. E. P. Mayo appointed in his place.

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Another Madison Murder.

ASHEVILLE, N. C. Dec. 9.—A special from Marshall to the Citizen says: Jim Payne deliberately shot and killed Sarah Anderson yesterday near Barnard. Payne was supposed to be drinking, and was forbidden to enter the house. Enraged at this, he drew his revolver and fired, striking the woman in the left arm, penetrating her heart and killing her instantly. Payne is still at large.

The State experiment station has completed arrangements for carrying on work in bee culture, to give the best information regarding bee keeping and also to ascertain how best to make it profitable. It now in some parts of the State yields handsome returns. Dr. J. W. Hunter and Mr. W. H. Hall, both of Forsyth county, will have charge of the new work. Director H. B. Battle of the station, desires the name of every bee keeper in the State.

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WORDS OF FAREWELL.

Harry Hayward Pours Out a Frightful Tirade of Abuse and Curses Against His Brother.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 8.—"May the curse of God fall on you and yours, and allow me from the minute I drop from the scaffold to haunt you day and night until your death. Then I will welcome you on the brink of hell with a red hot iron."

These were the farewell words of Harry Hayward to his brother Adry this afternoon. He hurled them at the latter as he descended the stairs leading to the tier in which the prisoner was confined and passed through the iron doorway to the outer office.

It was their last meeting on earth and such the murderer intended it to be. Adry was as calm as the prisoner was impassioned. He was unmoved by the anathemas except toward pity. His was the brotherly affection and interrupting the fervent, "God bless you Harry. Good bye Harry," which elicited the remark quoted above.

The meeting between the brothers was arranged by the parents who beseeched the condemned man to see Adry once more before he died. He remained obstinate to their entreaties for a long time, but finally yielded and sent by messengers a note reading:

"Dear Adry—I want you to come at once to the jail, as I wish particularly to see you. I have no other object than the desire to ask your forgiveness for any wrong either real or imaginary which I may have done you. I want once more to see you on this earth. This is the wish and dying request of your brother.

HARRY.

When Adry arrived at the jail, he and Harry carried on a social conversation for a time, but finally Harry made a request, which Adry declared he could not grant and the condemned man sprang to his feet and poured out a frightful tirade of abuse and curses against his brother.

"You d— villain," he shrieked, "If I could only get at you, I would dig out your brains with a knife. I would tear out your heart with my hands. I would crush the two together, cut them into pieces, squeeze out the juice, make it into a pie and thrust it down your throat."

Adry sat quiet for a few minutes but seeing the uselessness of waiting longer arose and started to go.

"God bless you, good bye Harry," he called sadly and went slowly away.

WAS HUNG YESTERDAY.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 7.—Gov. Cough this afternoon sentenced Harry Hayward, the murderer of Catharine Ging, to be hanged Wednesday, December 11.

Harry Hayward confessed his guilt before he was hung yesterday.

BUNCOMBE MUST "GO HEAD."

Eight Brothers Who Served in the Confederate Army Still Living.

Once more Buncombe county goes ahead, as is shown by facts given in a letter to The Citizen from N. A. Penland of Buena Vista, N. C., dated November 29. In his letter Mr. Penland says:

"I noticed in your paper a few days ago an item, copied, I think, from the Lenoir Topic, giving the names of five brothers who went through the Confederate army, and are all living. Buncombe can beat that. I herewith enclose the names and ages of eight brothers, all still living in Buncombe."

The list follows:
Dr. J. M. Stevens 68 | T. N. Stevens 65
D. M. Stevens 63 | M. F. Stevens 61
F. M. Stevens 56 | J. S. Stevens 52
R. M. Stevens 50 | A. A. Stevens 48
Mr. Penland concludes: "If you find anything better for the Confeds. let us hear from you." To which The Citizen ventures to add, that this wonderful record in all probability cannot be beaten.—Citizen.

Dr. Columbus Durham's Successor.

The Baptist Convention which has been in session at Greensboro, elected Rev. John E. White, the pastor of Edenton Baptist church as Corresponding Secretary of the Convention in the place of the late Rev. Dr. Columbus Durham. He is a young man but the convention was for him almost unanimously. In fact it was a unanimous vote by which he was elected upon a special committee's recommendation.

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MAY SHUT OUT OUR SHEEP.

If She Does, England Will Hear a Lively Protest.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—If, as reported from London, Great Britain intends to prohibit, after January, the importation of American sheep, it is quite probable that there will be a vigorous protest from this government. The agricultural department has not, as yet, received official notification of the proposed prohibition, but the subject has been informally discussed by the officials.

Four or five years ago this government, through the representations of the department of agriculture, succeeded in getting the English government to remove the restriction which required the killing of American sheep when they landed at the docks in Great Britain and they were then permitted to be taken inland and fed for killing. The industry, which was then very small, has grown to large proportions, the exportations during the fiscal year 1894, reaching 80,000 head and 1885, 350,000 head. The reason given for the proposed prohibition is the prevalence of scab disease in the sheep, but this disease, Dr. Salmon, the chief of the bureau of animal industry of the agricultural department, says exists wherever sheep are found and corresponds to mange or itch. All sheep that were sent from this country were thoroughly inspected and if any were found infected they were refused shipment.

"TONEY" CARROLL ELECTED.

Ex-Speaker Carroll's Election Makes Kentucky Legislature a Tie on Joint Ballot.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 7.—In the special election held in the sixth and seventh wards of Louisville to-day Anthony Carroll, ex-Speaker of the last House, defeated Charles Blatz, Republican, by a majority of 452. The re-election of Mr. Carroll makes the General Assembly a tie on joint ballot with 68 Democrats and 68 Republicans and two Populists. One of these Populists is pledged to vote for the Republicans, who endorsed him, and the other with the Democrats. Bradley will be inaugurated Tuesday.

"Toney" Carroll is a newspaper man. If he votes for Blackburn it is almost certain that Blackburn will be returned to the Senate. Ed. P. & C.

Will Not Be a Candidate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Senator Cameron, of Pennsylvania, has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election to the United States Senate.

The Republican Convention is called to meet in St. Louis, June 16th.

Bee Culture at the Experiment Station.

The Experiment Station has recently completed arrangements for carrying on some work in Bee Culture, both to disseminate information as to the best methods to follow in bee-keeping, as well as to conduct tests to determine what plans should be adopted in North Carolina to make this particular industry as profitable as possible. In many sections of the State bee culture now yields handsome returns when carefully managed. With proper use of the improved methods of late years this result might be largely increased. It will be the purpose of the Station to endeavor to aid in the extension of the industry, and with the possible improvement of the culture where it has now found a foothold. For this purpose the co-operation of two experienced bee keepers has been secured, Dr. J. W. Hunter and Mr. W. H. Hall, both of Forsyth county. It is expected that results interesting to bee-keepers will be reached during the coming season. In the meantime items of timely interest will be distributed upon the various phases of the subject.

As the Station desires to enter into correspondence with every bee-keeper now in North Carolina, each one is cordially requested to send his name and address to Dr. H. B. Battle, Director, Raleigh, N. C. Any items as to the stocks, hives, etc., on hand, and the success or failure heretofore met with, will be gladly received. Doubtless the correspondence will be mutually helpful.