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THE CZAR LIKE PHAROAH

The Columbia State is afraid that the Czar of Russia will harden his heart and will not grant the people the benefits that they have gained from the publicity of the affairs of the realm incident to the defeat of the Russian arms in the Far East.

"Those of our readers who have not outgrown the good old habit of reading the English Bible will recall that on several interesting occasions when the Pharaoh of Egypt suffered some terrible disaster and promised to be good, as soon as the stress of storm had mitigated, his heart became hardened. It would be gross injustice to the able ruler of Egypt to compare them to the pallid shadow that rests on the throne of Russia, but it is not inconceivable that, comparing great things to small, we may see a historical parallel between the Pharaoh of the Exodus and the Czar of Russia's greatest catastrophes."

The State goes on to say that the Czar, under the terrible pressure of the defeats in the Far East, has promised his people certain reforms in their home government, but there is some doubt that the "Little Father" will keep all these promises made during the time of storm, when fair weather comes again.

The State further says: "It seems very likely, judging the future by the past, that these promises were never seriously meant. But they may be accepted for the moment as sincere, that, at least, the fearful distress of Russia, and of the autocrats in particular, had made the Czar sincere in his terror and willing to disgorge some of the privileges he had taken from the people, in order that he might save himself and some of his plunder from inevitable wreck. Granted, then, that the Czar, for good or evil purposes, for righteous or for unrighteous aims, was sincere at the moment he issued these high-sounding rescripts; is he sincere still? Or has the relief that Japan has kindly professed him, made him again self-confident, and hardened his heart? Has exultation and stubborn tyranny succeeded to dejection and a submissive spirit? The Japanese have considerably 'saved his face'; can he now save his own despotic authority?"

It is stated by the press of the world that a youngster by the name of Massa has been hauled up for doing a "Bluebeard act" over in France. His real name may be irregular, but he gave it to his little part of the world as Marquis de Massa-Malaspina. He is the son of a French hatter, which ought in a measure insure a fit. The boy has been doing about and doing people as well—especially women.

There were those who were with him as wife—or wives—and then there was noted, in regular order, disappearances. So there came the title of "Bluebeard." Even before he had attained to the dignified age of 17 the expert had been at work and had won, and hoarded his winnings. There were dead women and an augmented bank account in the name of Massa. Were it not vulgarly detestable it might even be added that he was a Masher as well. He pilled his vocation well and in fact. He was fooled little himself and he fooled nearly everybody well up to time. After so many doubtful triumphs he was tied up on the charge of having forged an independent I. O. U. It is said that in France "race suicide" is one of the most attractive features; this being so it is all right. Such progeny from parentage cannot be desirable for the budding of a citizenship.

Elizabeth City bulges up and out again. This time it is a supposed case of a world of gold hid away un-

der a storm of waistcoat trees. It seems that the people are at work down at Blacklock City, as if they would have been the people of that place a batch of transactions. It is stated that the owners of the land on Blacklock have wanted to withdraw from the property. The money would be to them related with waistcoat trees, such that those of any other kind. It is also claimed that some time a time there was an old miser who lived in a little cabin, and in that little cabin he had stores of wealth that were perhaps fabulous. The best part of it all is that they have cut out Pirate Track.

It is an interesting thought that many people from Wake county will leave to engage in the search for search.

AS TO INTERFERENCE

The Wilmington Messenger comes out with the following editorial concerning a pardoning board, which applies to a publication in The Sentinel of Winston:

"The Winston Sentinel is another of our daily newspapers which advocates the establishment of a State board of pardons. It gives the following reasons why it thinks such should be done:

"The Sentinel has said several times that, in our opinion, North Carolina should have a board of pardons or something akin to one. The consideration of applications for pardon occupies too much of the Governor's time. Besides it does not seem to us that it is right to place so great responsibility upon the shoulders of one man and demand that he shall decide upon all these matters. Neither Governor Glenn nor his predecessors have attempted to shirk this duty, but the duty is too onerous, nevertheless, for one man. Every application for a pardon deserves to be thoroughly considered. Humanity demands this. The Governor who gives these things the attention they deserve often finds that too much of his time is occupied in this way. It seems to us that a board of pardons would furnish the correct solution of the problem."

The truth of the business is, that the State and the world begins to wonder more and more what is the use of the high tribunals commonly called the courts of the land, if there is to be eternal interference and rehashing and thrashing over of old straw by the Governor of a State aided by the attorneys whose cases have already been handled.

None will deny the right of appeal. That is normal and right. There is, however, little reason for a general slopping over at the dictates of chosen counsel, when the Governor of any Commonwealth shall retry a case, or any number of cases, set aside or modify the findings of a court, jury and judge and bring about a conflict in the lines of justice. There is, and there has been, too much of this thing. For that reason there is less and less respect paid to the initial court proceedings. In this lies the cause for many a usurpation of the law of the land by individuals—who are usually called a mob.

The Superior Court and the Supreme Court certainly are vested with the law. It is their part and privilege and duty, and not the demoralizing insistence of the Governor of any State that should make for change of punishment. In this lies the ever decreasing trustfulness in legal tribunals. If the courts of the land stand for anything it is for Right and Justice. Interfere with the voice of the court and you interfere with all the law.

When a judge has heard a case, when a jury has passed on such a case, and sentence has been pronounced, there is little room for outsiders to play the risky game of interference. At the other end of the avenue lies lynch law and violation. Lack of confidence will presuppose anything.

GENERAL PRESS COMMENTS

The Holy Jumpers, the religious enthusiasts who have been holding forth at Danville for several months, dropped down on Reidsville Sunday evening. There were three men, two women and four or five children in the band, and their musical outfit comprised a bass drum, kettle drum, tambourine and organ. They held services on the Market Square Monday morning, but found the outlook so discouraging that they left on the noon train for Greensboro.—Webster's Weekly.

A tramp in the city Saturday visited a home on Spring Street and asked the lady of the house for a hat. The tramp was told to wait a few minutes and when the lady returned she presented him with a straw hat. The tramp very calmly refused the hat, explaining that it was too near the winter season to be wearing straw hats, and walked away. The tramp evidently had never heard the old saying that "beggars should not be choosers."—Concord Tribune.

WAS AT THE GATES OF DEATH

The Following Story, Proving That Truth is Stronger Than Fiction, Tells the Timely History of a Man Who Was Almost Dead.

I entered Keeley Institute for the whiskey habit in May, 1902, more dead than alive, and four weeks later was treated and entirely cured. I can truthfully say that I have not touched or had any desire to touch anything intoxicating since. I also know numerous cases of drunkenness cured by the Keeley Cure at your institute at Greensboro. As to the treatment by the doctor, manager and other attaches of the institute I will say that I could not ask for any better, in fact during my stay at the institute was amazed at the patience exercised by the attendants, with new patients who arrived chock full of "lightning liquor." Below I give a few reasons why a drunkard should take the Keeley Cure at Greensboro, to be cured of the liquor habit: Because whiskey destroys his wit and makes him a fool; because it destroys his pride and makes him a disgrace to himself and family; because it destroys his manhood and unfits him for the duty of citizenship; because it destroys his self-respect and therefore the respect of others for him; because it causes him to neglect his family and fails to provide for them; because it makes him a coward; he will take an insult from the lowest grog-seller in the town if he thought he could get a drink thereby; because it will cause him to deceive his best friend; because it will dress his wife and children in rags; because it will destroy his health and cause him to fill a premature grave; and last, but by no means least, because it will damn his soul. The reason a drunkard should take the Keeley Cure at Greensboro is because it will most assuredly cure him of drunkenness and cause exactly the opposite of the above. Hoping you may save many poor wretches, I am,

SAM BOGASSE, Foreman News and Observer, Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 12, 1904. If you have friends who might be benefited please send their names to the Keeley Institute, Greensboro, N. C.

EDITORIAL JOTTINGS

News comes from the Philippines that war has broken out in the province of Samar. We reiterate our opinion of several years ago that it would be the part of wisdom for Uncle Sam to trade off the Philippines for a yellow dog—and then shoot the dog.—Shepherdstown (W. Va.) Register.

If, as Secretary Bonaparte suspects, the "father of lies" is the grandfather of the disfranchising amendment in Maryland, what is the moral status of Senator Gorman, who is generally credited with being the "father" of the measure?—New York Evening Post.

Governor La Follette keeps his own counsel concerning his intentions with regard to the senatorial seat. And on this account he has got two or three bunches of politicians squirming like they were sitting on something hot.—Rochester Herald.

When Mayor Woodard asked his friends and constituents to elect him mayor, he gave as the reason for his ambition that he wanted to make a world-wide reputation. The mayor has landed.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Nothing but poverty or common sense will keep the average parents from making a saphead of their boy. Unfortunately, neither of these is very fashionable at the present time.—Puck.

Before John is 10 years old his parents decide to make a doctor, a lawyer or a professor out of him. When John develops he will naturally take to the calling he is best adapted to as a duck does to water. Wait for those developments before trying to mould a lawyer out of a natural mechanic or farmer.—Clifton Forge Review.

Secretary Shaw says he is proud of the recent record of the G. O. P. With a \$20,000,000 deficit staring at it from Leslie's own department we fear that the G. O. P. will not reciprocate with any degree of enthusiasm.—Newport News Press.

The feelings of very, very many lovers of justice were reflected in Mark Twain's comment on the peace treaty when he said: "In all sincerity, I believe that this peace is entitled to rank as the most conspicuous disaster in political history."—Gastonia Gazette.

It is reported that there are 11 girls all of same name spending a vacation in New Hampshire. If these girls were reported to be of the same mind the story would be too good to be true and too incredulous to be believed about the femininity.—Wilmington Dispatch.

REPORT TO THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Commercial & Farmers Bank, AT RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE 31ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1906. RESOURCES: Loans and discounts other than demand loans \$481,266 26 Overdrafts, sundries and uncollected 4,811 82 All other stocks, bonds and mortgages 1,342 00 Banking house and furniture and fixtures 18,742 42 Demand loans on notes 49,213 01 Due from banks and bankers 132,327 22 Cash items 1,089 45 Silver coin 4,120 51 Gold coin 18,265 00 Currency 29,978 00 Total \$822,205 07 LIABILITIES: Capital stock paid in \$100,000 00 Surplus fund 50,000 00 Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid 27,522 42 Deposits subject to check, individual \$667,471 14 Bank deposits 24,532 59 Cashier's checks outstanding 697 08 Total \$822,205 07 J. J. THOMAS, President. A. A. THOMPSON, Vice President. B. S. JERMAN, Cashier. H. W. JACKSON, Asst. Cashier.

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