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MORE EVIDENCE AGAINST HAINS

Hack Driver at Last Recognizes Him

Says He Drove the Brothers to the Club and Heard One of Them Declare "We've Got Him Now"—Counsel for the Defense Receives Letter Purporting to Come From an Important Witness — The Accused Cheerful Today.

Flushing, Dec. 24.—John F. McIntyre, chief counsel for Jenkins Hains, said today he had received a letter from a man who may turn out to be an important witness for the defense. The letter was mailed yesterday from New York and signed Edward J. West. The writer offers to give testimony about the relations between Claudie Hains and Annis. The prisoner entered the court room in good spirits today. Martin Skura, was the first witness called. Skura was the hack driver who said the other day that he did not recognize Thornton Hains as one of the men he drove to the club. He said today that he now remembers Thornton Hains as one of the men and heard him say: "We've got him now."

Frenchmen Don't Like It.

Paris, Dec. 24—Frenchmen are beginning to grow uneasy over the increasing frequency with which German balloons, often carrying military officers, have in the last few months landed on their side of the frontier. Since the middle of April no fewer than sixteen balloons whose passengers included at least fifteen officers, have landed in different parts of France. Recently a balloon with two officers came down near Alencon.

MARK OF APPRECIATION.

Board of Managers Make Happy Christmas Present to Mr. W. H. Sprunt.

A short while ago a bronze tablet was placed at the handsome annex of the James Walker Memorial Hospital in appreciation of the generosity of Mr. W. H. Sprunt. This tablet came as a personal gift from the members of the Board of Managers of the institution, and today the following letter was sent Mr. Sprunt:

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 24, 1908.
Mr. W. H. Sprunt, Vice President,
Board of Managers of the James Walker Memorial Hospital, City.

My Dear Sir:

Your associate members of the Board of Managers appreciating your great interest in the hospital work, and the zeal you have always manifested in increasing its efficiency and enlarging its capacity and especially recognizing your great liberality and benevolence in the donation of the building for the use and benefit of the colored people, thereby aiding in their better care and comfort and enlarging and extending the benefits of the hospital to that class of our fellow citizens, have had prepared and placed in position on said building, a bronze tablet commemorative of this act of generosity on your part, and to be a monument and momento to future generations of this public benefaction from your hands. The Board of Managers have thought it a pleasant thing for them to do at this season of "Good will towards man" to present this tablet memorial to you, as an expression of their admiration of those qualities of mind and heart which you have displayed in this and other acts of Christion kindness, and to ask that you accept of the same as their free will offering.

Your associate members of the board desire that I state they all join in wishing you a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. Permit me to add my personal regards and well wishes for your future health and prosperity.

Very truly yours,
GEO. R. FRENCH, Secretary,
Board of Managers James Walker Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Adelaine Coleman Dead.

Mrs. Adelaine Coleman, of Delgado, died this morning at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, aged 70 years. The funeral over the remains of Mrs. Coleman will be held this afternoon from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. M. V. Ward, at Delgado. The body will be carried to Columbus county tomorrow morning, where the interment will be made.

The members of the Wilmington fire department return thanks to Sheriff Cowan for cigars sent them as a Christmas gift.

Gentle horses for ladies. 'Phone 47, Orrell Livery Co, 3t

SURVIVORS TO MEET

Fort Fisher Warriors to Meet in Washington City Next Month—The Blue and the Gray to Move on Congress for That National Park—Association's Executive Committee Issues a Call.

The matter of establishing a National Park at Fort Fisher, there to mark and in fitting memory of the battleground where brave Confederate and Union soldiers fought, bled and died like heroes, is to be pushed with a vim. The work upon such project is not confined by any means to fancy dreams, or to the passing of resolutions, but good hard work is being done and is yet to be done to get the Government to establish this appropriate memorial to heroism. To further promote the project a meeting of the Fort Fisher Survivors' Association, organized in this city in January, 1907, and of which that courageous Northern soldier Gen. N. M. Curtis is first vice president, will be held in Washington, D. C., next month to urge upon Congress the fact that the park should be established. It is hoped that a large delegation will be able to go from Wilmington and it would be a splendid idea if a fund could be created to defray the expenses of those soldiers who cannot well afford to go, because certainly a large delegation should go from Wilmington. The cause needs all the influence that can be exerted and action should be taken by Congress at once, so that the park could be established before many more of the veterans pass over the river. Then it would be a glorious thing to have a reunion of the Blue and the Gray there.

The Executive Committee of the Survivors' Association has issued the following important call:

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 15, 1908.
Comrade:

The Executive Committee of the Fort Fisher Survivors' Association, under authority of its constitution giving said committee the sole power to call meetings, do hereby call a meeting of the said Association to be held in the city of Washington, D. C., at 12 m. January 15th, 1909, for the transaction of any business as may come before it, and particularly to bring before the present Congress one of the aims of this Association as embodied in the following resolution proposed by Comrade T. Evans, of New York, at a meeting held in Wilmington, N. C., January 15th, 1907, by the survivors, both Union and Confederate soldiers, who participated in either or both of the engagements at Forth Fisher in 1864-1865, and which was passed unanimously:

"Where as one of the greatest naval and land force battles in the world was fought at Fort Fisher, N. C., on January 15th, 1865, and whereas it is fitting that the scene of this battle should be preserved intact as a memorial to our children and their decendants for all the years to come:

"Therefore, be it resolved, by us as survivors of the battle of Fort Fisher, N. C., both of the Blue and the Gray, that we approve and pray that through Congressional action the same shall be made a National Park with a suitable monument and such other appertenances as shall be deemed necessary and proper."

The Committee urges a full attendance and hopes to have the best efforts of the Association put forth in getting Congressional action, by this Congress, and a willing, sympathetic President, on the bill now before the House Committee, appropriating $40,000, for the purchase of the site for a National Park.

Reduced rates will be accorded if there be present 100 delegates at the meeting, or such delegation travelling in parties of ten or more, will be able to secure special rates by applying to their local agents.

Convenient and suitable rooms will be secured for the meeting and every effort will be made to have a harmonious, pleasant and we trust, a profitable convention.

Every member is asked and urged to see or write to his Representative and Senator in Congress at once, and bespeak their influence and assistance in getting this bill made into a law during this administration.

It is important that the committee know as far as possible, the probable attendance in advance of the meeting, and you will materially aid it, by filling in and mailing the enclosed card at the earliest moment you can safely say you can attend.

WM. LAMB,
President.
N. M. CURTIS,
First Vice President.
JAS. A. SMITH,
Second Vice President.
H. C. McQUEEN,
Treasurer.
R. W. PRICE,
Secretary.

CARS TO THE BEACH.

Tomorrow cars to the Beach every half hour from 2 to 6 p. m.

For the benefit of the Xmas buyers we will be open every evening until after the 25th. J. M. Solky & Co. tf

CHRISTMAS DAY NEARLY HERE

Kriss Kringle Makes His Appearance Tonight

To Gladden the Hearts of the Little Folks—This Has Been an Ideal Christmas Eve and a Great Amount of Business Has Been Transacted—Football Game Will be Played Tomorrow Afternoon.

This is the day before Christmas and the hearts of the children, as well as those of the older folks, will rejoice with the gladsome spirit which prevails upon this the anniversary of the birth of the Christ Child. The true spirit of the occasion, which should permeate the hearts of everyone, will be reflected in services to be held in a number of the principal churches of the city. These services will be held at 11 A. M. tomorrow and for the most part will be of short duration. The choirs of the different churches have prepared elaborate musical programs which will be rendered in connection with the services.

This has been an ideal day and the streets have been thronged with hundreds of ladies and children all bent upon using the opportunity before Christmas to do their shopping. The business houses have been crowded with customers during the day and man yestablishments have been forced to employ extra help to assist them in caring for the wants of their customers. Today and yesterday have been the banner business days of the year with the down town merchants and a number of those have expressed themselves as being well satisfied with the fine volume of business.

The hurry and hustle in the stores will continue until midnight, after which time the tired clerks, who have been under a great strain during the past few days, will enter upon their well deserved Chri mas day of rest.

In spite of the fact that the business depression has been felt here, as well as elsewhere, it is probably the amount of Christmas business transacted will as elsewhere, it is probable the amount places in the state. The Christmas offerings of the merchants have been completer, varied, and well selected, and ravages have been made upon the stocks in all the establishments by purchasers eager to secure gifts for loved ones and friends.

In spite of the crowds thronging the streets today the order maintained has been very good indeed and the policement have had very litte trouble. Extra officers have been detailed for duty and all the policemen have been given special instructions as to the duties they are expected to perform.

No special plans have been arranged for the celebration of Christmas in the city, with the exception of the football game at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at League Park between the Wilmington and Savannah teams. Both aggregations have been practicing faithfully for some days and a battle royal is expected. Each team has made a most creditable record during the season to be concluded with the game tomorrow and therefore both will exert every effort to win the contest. The game will be called at 4 o'clock and this hour will enable everyone who wishes first to enjoy his Christmas dinner to do so, and then get to the park in time to witness the beginning of the game.

The Cape Fear Golf Club will be a popular retreat for its members and it is expected that the games of golf arranged for the day will be participated in by a number of players.

As a last appeal before the advent of Christmas day, all charitable persons are requested to remember in substantial and generous manner the Salvation Army dinner which will be provided for the poor people of the city. The dinner is to be given at the Army Hall on Front street, and it is hoped to provide a generous repast for several hundred people too poor to secure the luxury of a Christmas dinner for themselves. Contributions of money, provisions, toys, etc., will be gratefully received, and it is hoped the appeal will be publicly heeded, so that the hearts of as many poor people as possible may be gladdened with the good things provided for them. The Sixth Grade of the Union school yesterday sent a substantial donation of books and toys to the Army which will be disbursed by the army officers at the Christmas tree for the poor children

The schools adjourned for the Christmas holidays this morning and no special exercises were held during the day. The pupils will not be obliged to report for their duties until the first Monday in January, and the long holiday will be a period of most thorough and unqualified enjoyment to all the little folks.

The Dispatch wishes all its readers a most Happy Christmas and a bright and joyous New Year.

CHARITY WORK TODAY

The Poor Being Visited and the Salvation Army Doing Noble Work in This Particular—About Sixty Big Baskets Sent Out From the Barracks—The Xmas Tree Tomorrow Night.

Wilmington's big heart is today throbbing warmly for the unfortunate. Many poor families are being visited and more will be visited tomorrow. In the front ranks of all the charity workers stands the Salvation Army. This great organization, as so well represented in Wilmington by a corps at whose head stands Adjutant Teed, is busy today carrying sunshine into hitherto dark homes and in preparing a real Christmas for the poor children. A Dispatch man dropped around to the barracks this morning and found the Army workers as busy as the proverbial bees. Three score or more of baskets were being packed to the rim and above with goodies for the poor and at one end of the large assembly hall two big trees had been reared, all ready for the visit of Old St. Nicholas tomorrow. The baskets presented most delightful sights and by now have reached the homes of the unfortunates. Each basket bore a tag with the name of the family to receive it, and each contained the following, enough for a family of six:

Half a pound of coffee, hominy, sugar, syrup, corn, apples, potatoes, onions, meal, a loaf of bread, a roast pork of loin and a pie.

Tomorrow night the children's Christmas tree will be given and accommodations have been made for three hundred. It is going to be a glorious occasion. There will be appropriate exercises of recitations dialogues, songs, etc., and a big and hearty Santa Claus will make his appearance. The youngsters will be given goodies, toys and clothing. Gee, but won't that be fine?

THE DISPATCH'S CHRISTMAS

Following its custom The Dispatch force will be given a holiday tomorrow, so that it may enjoy a merry Christmas like other folks; consequently there will be no issue of the paper tomorrow. The Dispatch carrier boys, however, will call on their friends, whom they have served so well during the past year regardless of the weather, and will present to them a charming carol written expressly for them by Mrs. J. S. Crowley. The Dispatch and boys greatly appreciate the carol and return warm thanks to Mrs. Crowley.

The Dispatch wishes all a Merry, Merry Christmas.

At the Bijou.

The feature film at the popular Bijou theatre today is called "A Hidden Treasure." The film reveals a medieval story of old Spain and it will entertain everyone who sees it.

CLAUDE H. DOLLAR DEAD.

Well Known Young Man Passed Away Yesterday at His Parents' Home in Durham.

Friends of Mr. Claude H. Dollar will deeply regret to learn of his death, which occurred at the home of his parents in Durham yesterday afternoon. Mr. Dollar resided in this city until his departure on account of bad health about six weeks ago, and the news of his demise will be received with great sorrow by his friends and acquaintances in Wilmington.

Mr. Dollar began to decline last July, but he remained here until November, when he departed for Durham in the possible hope that his health would be improved. The change, however, made no perceptible difference in his condition and he continued to grow worse until the end came.

Mr. Dollar was in the 32nd year of his age and he had been a resident of Wilmington for many years. During the past five years he had been employed by the Wilmington Stamp Works and previous to that time he held a position with the Morning Star. Mr. Dollar was highly esteemed by his employers. The deceased was a member of the Baptist Church and of the Typographical Union.

It is expected that the funeral over the remains of Mr. Dollar will be held this afternoon at the residence of his parents in Durham.

"A MIDNIGHT ELOPEMENT."

Tonight at the Academy and Special Christmas Matinee.

The Demorest Comedy Company will present the fine drama, "A Midnight Elopement," at the Academy tonight. At Christmas matinee tomorrow will be given "A Broken Heart," while tomorrow night the play will be "The Parish Priest." A big turkey will be given away tonight. Popular prices prevail at each performance.

CARS TO THE BEACH.

Tomorrow cars to the Beach every half hour from 2 to 6 p. m.

Murchison National Bank

A Merry Christmas to All!

WILMINGTON, N. C.

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