

## SPANISH STORY OF LOST COLONY KEEPS SECRETS

In Vaults of Historic Commission But No One to Translate Them and No Money to Offer

### IT'S A BIG JOB

Would Cost \$3,000 a Year for Two Years and Translator Would Have to be a Historian

Raleigh, Oct. 1.—Ten thousand copies of ten thousand pages of old records from Spain, which are believed to contain the record of the mysterious "Lost Colony" founded on Roanoke Island by Sir Walter Raleigh, all ready, right here in Raleigh, in the vaults of the historical commission, and no one to translate them, and no money to get a translator. Now that's a pretty kettle of fish. Or perhaps we should have said a pleasant job for a loose-leaf binder. But anyway, those are the facts. But because the last penny of the appropriation for this work has been spent, and because only the legislature can appropriate some more—if it will—the people of the State must wait another year—or perhaps another century—before learning the secret which these old records, dug out of dusty vaults in Spain, are believed to hold.

The last batch of pages, most of them photostatic copies of the original records, written in script by hand on rough paper from two to three centuries ago, were just received from Madrid, Barcelona and Seville a few weeks ago and clerks in the Historical Commission are still busy sorting the pages to get them in the proper chronological and numerical order. They are to be found in loose-leaf binders, so that the translators may use them as would an ordinary book, despite the fact that each leaf is a separate photograph. Although it is expected that the task of arranging the photostatic pages in their proper order will be completed within a few days, it will probably be several weeks or even months, before they can all be bound. A few hundred pages consist of typewritten copies of the records—in Spanish, of course, but the bulk of them are photostatic.

And bound up in these mute records is romance, adventure, tragedy, and even comedy, perhaps. The story which eventually may be unraveled from them may, as is hoped, shed much light on the fate of the Raleigh "Lost Colony" which, as many believe, may have been taken captive by some passing Spanish galleon. But none of these mysteries can be solved until the legislature votes the golden wand and turns the golden key which will unlock this storehouse of mystery and romance.

At least \$3,000 a year for the next two years will be required to complete the records, and to get them translated, according to A. E. Newsome, secretary of the State Historical Commission. Several years ago, it will be remembered that an appropriation of \$5,000 was made to reproduce these records, and the work was undertaken by Dr. W. W. Pearson, professor of History at the University of North Carolina, who was then in Spain on a leave of absence from the University. He succeeded in locating many of the records which it was thought might have to do with North Carolina and the "Lost Colony," but that was about all. It is not being possible to undertake any translations until after the photostatic copies had been made. The making of these copies was left in the hands of Miss Irene Wright, an American who had had much experience in this kind of work, and who for two years has had charge of the work for the North Carolina Historical Commission. And Miss Wright has done her work well, as is attested by the thousands of photographs of the pages of ancient records. It was necessary for Miss Wright to search through thousands and thousands of other pages, in order to select those particular sections of the records which might have a bearing on North Carolina history. And there still remain about 18,000 more pages to be photographed, in order to have a complete record of those sections of these old documents which may have a bearing on the new world, according to Mr. Newsome.

But even if funds were available to employ a translator, this task would be a difficult one, according to Mr. Newsome, because the translator should be a historian as well as a linguist, and should be able to weigh historical facts and values as well as decipher the ancient writing on the faded and discolored pages.

When asked if the work of translating and editing the records could not be undertaken by the Research department of the University, assisted by Dr. Pearson, who already probably knows more about the records, their background and content than any

## Plan to Take Full Census Of Elizabeth City in Half Day Offered by Local Man

A suggestion that the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs jointly take a census of Elizabeth City, with the entire memberships of both clubs taking active part in the work, is offered by an Elizabeth City business man who thinks it would be an excellent opportunity for the two clubs to accomplish something worth while for the city.

This business man, who modestly chooses to hide behind a veil of anonymity, declares the Edenton Rotary Club recently completed such a census there in three hours, and that civic clubs in such other North Carolina cities as Winston-Salem, Greensboro and Durham have done likewise. He estimates that the combined membership of Rotarians and Kiwanians could finish the job easily in half a day, if they went about it systematically.

"Of course, everything would have to be planned carefully beforehand," he declares. "The people could be told through the newspapers just what data the census takers would require, and many of them would have slips of paper all ready, bearing the desired information."

"It has been six years since the last Government census, Elizabeth City has grown rapidly during those years; and yet, when we are asked about the size of our population, we must give the 1920 figures and hazard a guess as to the increase. It would be a lot better if we could tell folks, for example, that we had a population of 10,000 or 12,000, as the case might be, by actual count."

"In other places, the Government has sent experts to direct the taking of such a census. Probably we could have one here, if we showed enough interest in it. The advertising value of such a census would be hard to estimate. It certainly would amply justify the effort involved; for then, instead of giving interested strangers Government figures which are out of date and obviously far too low now, or of offering a wild guess as to our population, we could hand out the exact dope.

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## PLANS FOR FAIR RAPIDLY MOVING TO FINAL STAGE

District Exposition to be Held Tuesday to Saturday, Inclusive, Promises to be Biggest Ever

### UNUSUAL FEATURES

Elizabeth City Stores and Schools to Close Thursday at Noon; Hog Calling Contest Wednesday

Preparations are going ahead steadily for the Greater Albemarle District Fair, to be held here next Tuesday to Saturday, inclusive, and expected to prove the biggest and most entertaining exposition of the resources and possibilities of Northeastern Carolina ever staged.

In addition to the large agricultural, livestock, industrial and home exhibits, the daily program of horse racing, the county, community and individual farm displays, the hog calling contest and other special events, the fair will feature a distinctly novel series of daily free amusement features, the management announces. These will include a daring triple parachute drop from a balloon, in which the balloonist successively cuts himself loose from three parachutes while descending to earth, greatly increasing the hazard of the act.

Also, there will be a nightly display of fireworks on a larger scale than ever before, it is announced, under the management of a factory expert. The program of free acts to be given twice daily, also includes gymnastic and other features.

Tuesday, the opening day, will be designated officially as School Day, with pony and foot races and other events chosen to appeal to the boys and girls who will attend. Rural schools in Pasquotank and other counties will close for the day, to enable the pupils to be present, and many will be brought here in school buses.

The hog calling contest will be held Wednesday. A number of entrants for this event, unique in this part of the country, already have been enrolled, and many more are expected. Two valuable prizes will be awarded the winners.

Through agreement of a number of Elizabeth City merchants, the stores here will close at noon Thursday, in order to permit all salesfolk and their employers to attend the fair. The schools in the city also will close at noon that day, and by reason of the joint closing, the attendance Thursday is expected to be exceptionally large.

As a means of putting an end to what long has been regarded as a decided nuisance, there has been a sharp curtailment in the issuance of complimentary tickets this year. Holders of a specified amount of paid-up stock in the fair association are to be issued one free ticket each, and no more, and otherwise also the distribution is to be limited drastically.

Completing the attractions at the fair, there will be the usual midway features. The carnival company contracted with this year is declared to be one of the cleanest and best on the road today, and is giving assurance that all objectionable features will be eliminated.

UNFAVORABLE REPORT ON CHANNEL AT MANTO BAY

An unfavorable report has been made to the Government on the "channel" beginning at the mouth of Manto Bay, and thence southwardly via Roanoke Sound to the main channel in Pamlico Sound, on the grounds that the improvement would be largely local.

Persons interested are asked to appeal to the board of engineers for Rivers and Harbors, Washington, D. C., within four weeks.

DESPERADO FIGHTS TO LAST MINUTE

Butte, Montana, Oct. 1.—After a desperate attack on officials with a three-foot length of pipe and crudely made knife, Tony Vetter, condemned to be hanged here today, was driven into a corner by officers and subdued with tear gas.

It was hanged at 12:28 o'clock this morning for the murder of Antone Favero here last November.

COOLIDGES ATTEND BUCKY'S MARRIAGE

## When a Man Loves a Maid



Love leads people into lots of trouble—sometimes it even leads them to a spanking. Billie Pollitz and Jean Miller of Cleveland, Ohio, decided to elope one day. They hopped on a street car and were taken in tow by a cop when they couldn't pay their fares. Then they were taken home and spanked. They're shown together here. Both are 3.

## Fire Chief Flora Blames Deadly Combination For Many Fires In This City

Sooty Flue Plus Shingle Roof Cause of Many Blazes, He Says, Urging Household to Clean Their Chimneys Before Cold Weather Begins

The deadly combination of a soot-clogged chimney and a shingle roof is the cause of more fires in Elizabeth City than any other one thing, according to Fire Chief Jerome Flora, who advises that all chimneys be cleaned at least once a year, and preferably much oftener.

"The time to clean a flue," the fire chief declares, "is early in the fall, before the winter fires are started. Various compounds which clean flues when burned are offered at the stores, and many of them are good. In fact, they may be used every two or three months to advantage."

Chief Flora warns that people should be doubly careful while the streets are torn up, pointing out that the firemen are likely to be delayed in answering alarms through having to detour, until what ordinarily would be an inconsequential blaze becomes a fire of major proportions.

Also, he urges that persons phoning in fire alarms be extremely careful now in giving the exact location of the blaze. He tells of instances in which highly excited house holders have called out far more often on relatively trivial fires, such as chimney blazes and the like, which then usually were put out by the householders themselves.

December, January, February and March, the winter months, bring in their wake most of the fires in Elizabeth City, Chief Flora's records disclose, while the fewest fires occur in midsummer. "But when you hear the bell tap in summer, you can generally be sure of a real fire," he commented.

There are three times as many fires in Elizabeth City nowadays as there were 15 to 20 years ago, according to the records, although the census figures indicate that Elizabeth City has grown considerably less than 50 per cent in that period. Chief Flora attributes this increase largely to the fact that the department is called out far more often on relatively trivial fires, such as chimney blazes and the like, which then usually were put out by the householders themselves.

More money was taken in at last year's series between the Washington Senators and the Pittsburgh Pirates than was ever garnered at any previous series. The total attendance was 282,830 but the increased number of high priced seats accounted for the record gate receipts of \$1,182,854.

SHE DANCES AT 87

Oakland, Cal., Oct. 1.—Although she finds it difficult to catch dancing partners her own age, Mrs. Mary T. Edmondson, 87, lives up to her belief that "a dance a day keeps the doctor away." For the last two years Mrs. Edmondson has been attending classes at a local ballroom to solve the partner problem.

She says she has danced for forty years and while the waltz and old fashioned three-steps are her favorites, she does fox trot. She does not like the Charleston or the St. Louis hop.

SULTAN'S WIVES RETURN

Constantinople, Oct. 1.—Three wives of the late Sultan of Turkey, Vahideddine, with their six servants, have been given permission to return to Turkey. The Sultan had four wives but no mention is made of the fourth in the official documents.

## U. S. RELATIONS WITH GERMANY ARE IMPROVED

This Was Result of Development of Understanding Between the French and the Germans

AMBASSADOR TALKS

Jacob Gould Schurman Has Just Given President Coolidge Full Reports on Germany

By DAVID LAWRENCE  
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Washington, Oct. 1.—America's relations with Germany have improved coincidentally with the development of a better understanding between France and Germany. This is the impression given by the reports of Jacob Gould Schurman, American ambassador to Germany, who has just given President Coolidge full reports on the condition of Germany.

In a sense, American officials see a complete vindication of the policy they have followed for the last four years in playing the role of friend to Germany. The fact that Germany and France would sooner or later recognize the necessity of a close working agreement both commercially and politically was anticipated here. In fact, it has been urged as one way to produce economic stability in Europe. Now that France and Germany are drawing closer together, the United States is not left alone. Her attitude of friendship toward a former foe particularly her broad-gauged treatment of alien property has been appreciated by German statesmen.

Although war hatreds linger here and there, the diplomatic relations between America and Germany many have grown more and more cordial ever since the treaty of Berlin was signed. The fact that the United States did not sign the Versailles Treaty with the expressions of guilt for Germany's responsibility in the war had a favorable effect on German opinion.

The background of friendship which has been developed has been further strengthened by the willingness of the American government to permit international bankers to float loans to be used for expansion of the Dawes plan. But for the participation of American experts on the Dawes Young Commission, it is considered doubtful whether Germany would have accepted the plan as wholeheartedly as she did.

Ambassador Schurman foresees permanent working agreements between France and Germany. "One of the most amazing things," he said, after his visit to the White House, "is the change in the psychological atmosphere between France and Germany. Where fifteen months ago a bitter and open hatred existed between the two countries, it now is no longer manifest. This, of course, is one element but in my opinion, both have just decided to do their part and more will come from cooperation and harmony than would come from a continuation of hatred."

Mr. Schurman regards the present government as stable and ready to meet the big twelve million gold marks payment which comes due on reparations next year.

While there is no sign of a change in America's policy toward Russia, there is naturally a desire here to bring about a friendly relationship with the Russian people and thus clean the slate of all international difficulties that arose out of the war. With Germany accepted by the League of Nations, the view here is that an added step has been taken toward stabilizing Europe but the process will not be regarded as complete until soviet Russia makes a decided change in her policy of eternal propaganda and begins to conform to the American program of recognition.

PILSUDSKI TAKES OVER PREMIERSHIP

Warsaw, Oct. 1.—Marshal Joseph Pilsudski today accepted the premiership of Poland vacated last night by the resignation of Charles Bartel.

BRITISHER MAKES SENSATIONAL FLY

London, Oct. 1.—Alana J. Codham, Great Britain's leading long distance aviator, arrived here today completing his sensational 28,000 mile flight to Australia and return.

FEAR BURNING SHIP CAN NOT MAKE PORT

Jacksonville, Florida, Oct. 1.—Fire aboard the American steamship New Britain is increasing and her officers fear the vessel will not be able to make port at Savannah, the Government wireless at Saint Augustine reported at 9:10 this morning.

## FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST IS PRAISED BY MRS. HOLLOWELL

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 30, 1926  
Editor of The Advance,  
Elizabeth City, N. C.

My dear Editor:  
We are in receipt of a copy of The Advance of September 28th., containing prize offer of \$5.00 for best essay on Fire Prevention.

We thank those who are co-operating with us, for we believe there is no better way to teach the protection of life and property than by getting girls and boys to write about it. When contest is ended and prize awarded, will you kindly send us copy of prize essay, we might want to use it in our School Program next year.

Cordially yours,  
Mrs. S. V. Hollowell  
Director Safety Education

## Officer Kills Dog After Children Are Bitten

With school children crowding about so closely that he was almost afraid to shoot, Officer C. E. Anderson Friday morning shot and killed a black cur dog with a white ring about its neck, that had been on a rampage of biting children and dogs.

The killing event took place at 8:25 just before school time. The officer was coming along Parsons street when children called to him to "come kill a mad dog." The dog had bitten Thomas Freeman's son on Bell street, and Mrs. B. Alecek's son on Parsons street, and tried to attack Officer Anderson as he came upon the scene.

After killing this dog Officer Anderson went to Zeme Newbold's on Greenleaf street and killed a dog there that had been bitten by the cur. Other dogs are believed to have been bitten, and children are warned not to be too friendly with dogs on the streets.

ATTENDANCE RECORD HARDLY BE BROKEN

New York, Oct. 1.—Attendance records for World's Series have ever been determined by the capacity of the parks. The Giants, and the Yankees, playing in two of the biggest baseball stadiums, hung up a record for total attendance in the World Series of 1923 of 391,439 paid admissions for six games.

The largest attendance for any single game was 62,817 for the fifth game of the 1923 series played at the Yankee Stadium. The smallest paid attendance was in the World's Series of 1908 between the Chicago Nationals and the Detroit Americans when only 62,272 persons passed through the stiles.

As none of the National League parks has the capacity of the Polo Grounds where part of the 1923 series was played, it is unlikely that any new attendance records will be hung up this year even though part of the series is run-off at the huge Yankee Stadium, Sportsman's Park at St. Louis has been enlarged to accommodate 42,000 in a pinch but this is over ten thousand less than the Polo Grounds held in the year the record was made.

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"Campus Rebels" Realistic As Shown by News Stories

"Campus Rebels" the new serial beginning in The Advance Wednesday, October 6, tells an entertaining and some very shocking stories about college life.

That it is a realistic picture, however, is emphasized by the fact that its author, Virginia Swain, has not long since been a student at such an institution as she describes in her thrilling novel, and even more so by news dispatches appearing every day or so, in regard to conditions at the bigger institutions of learning.

Only this week, for instance, comes a news story from Chicago telling of the effort of Middle Western universities to solve their problems by building dormitories for the men and discouraging fraternity houses. The news story comes to a climax with these two paragraphs:

"While deans don't like to admit the connection of wild parties with university life, it is considered that some of the chief advantages of the university supervised living quarters concern the lessened chances for these indulgences on the part of students.

"There also has been an immediate reaction on fraternities at the University of Wisconsin. These social organizations are confronted with new competition and are watching their step more closely so that they give no cause for criticism of their ways."

Next day comes the following story in connection with college