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## ILL ARPS' LETTER.

"This home where the heart is, and the most of mine is here. The picture filled his stomach with choicest food and exclaimed, 'Fate cannot harm me, I have died today,' and so I have filled my heart with the sweets and comforts of home, and feel defiant of human misery. Fate cannot harm me, for my home is my castle where, as Blackstone says, 'the king of England dare not enter uninvited.'" But an old man did enter not long ago and said he came to stay a few days if it was convenient. I saw his baggage on the iron seat in the verandah. He said, 'I travel free and lodge free and mix with none but the best people, and so I have come to abide with you for a few days. I hope it is convenient.'" Well, it wasn't convenient, for my wife was at Rome and my daughters away, and I had never heard of him, and so I told him it was not convenient. He seemed surprised and asked me if I was a Virginian. I told him no, I was a Georgian, and he said that Virginians seemed to be scarce in this region and he feared that old Virginia hospitality had not reached here; that Bishop Nelson had entertained him in Atlanta, and he had found a welcome among all Virginians. "What are you going to do with me?" he asked. "I am lame and can't walk; I was told you had a carriage and would drive me anywhere I wished to go." "No, sir, I have neither carriage nor buggy, but I will go down town and get a vehicle and take you anywhere you wish to go." Then he said, Brother Bealer told him that if I would not take him, there was a poor widow across town who would, and he would speak to her. So I took him there and left him, and will pay his bill if Brother Bealer did not. There are religious tramps as well as sinner tramps, and they are not angels unawares. I was down in the wiregrass region for nearly two weeks, and have most pleasant memories of my new found friends, but the last day was the best, for I was on my journey home and counted the milestones as we sped along. Happy faces and loving kisses greeted me when I came, and here I am going to rest until the larder gets low and my wife insists that I had better make another venture. And now let the procession proceed. Let the war go on. It is none of my begetting; it might have stopped at Santiago, but our yankee brethren seem to love the nigger afar off and have bought \$3,000,000 at two dollars and a half a head, which was cheap enough if Spain could have delivered the goods! But they have cost ten times that, now and are still in the woods. We used to advertise our runaways and say "Ten dollars reward—Runaway from the subscriber my boy Dick, 25 years old, 5 ft. 10 inches high, black complexion and very flat nose. The above reward will be paid on his delivery to me or his lodgment in the nearest jail." Why not try that on Aguinaldo and the other runaways? But if they catch them I don't know what they are going to do with them; they would not let Aguinaldo set up a barber shop in Manila no more than they would in Boston or Chicago. Professor Council, who is president of the colored agricultural college in Alabama, understands this. He is the smartest and best leader of his race, and when he speaks or writes to the public always says the right thing. I have great respect for him.

But this awful muddle with China, which was precipitated by our aggression upon the Philippines, seems to have no end in sight. Rev. Dr. Halderman, of New York, who is said to be a very learned man, says that he demonstrated a year ago from scriptural prophecy that the present year would find all the nations at war, and there would be a mighty struggle between Russia and China, and that Russia would eventually gain the supremacy; but that for a time the hordes from China will break in an awful avalanche upon the western nations and the greed, the rapacity, the Christless, Godless selfishness of European nations will get its reward, and there will be a terrible balance sheet against those Christian nations who have poisoned China with opium and made them look upon all Christians as rapacious foreign devils.

He says that the Chinese are fighting for their homes and institutions, and know that the Christian nations are seeking to rob them, and that their missionaries are backed by guns and swords and Godless soldiers ready to kill and slay. This infuriates them, and they look upon any white man as a devil who should be slain. He says that while this impending and destructive war is ordained of God and foretold by His prophets, yet the sin of it lies at the doors of Christian nations. Offences must needs come, but woe unto those by whom they come. The love or money is still the root of all evil. "Trade will follow the flag" is the shibboleth of commerce, and if the flag has to be stained with blood it does not matter.

These are my convictions, and hence I can't work up any enthusiasm nor any revenge. In 1841 England took Hong Kong. In 1848 England made China pay \$20,000,000 because she destroyed 20,000 chests of opium that had been stored there by English merchants. In 1858 Russia grabbed all the Amoor country, containing 600,000 square miles, and when the United States grabbed the Philippines the

suspicious Chinaman said, "The Christians are coming; they want more." No, it is none of my war. The blood of it is on somebody's hands.

I see that General Gordon is going up yonder on another mission of peace—trying to mix up the blue and the gray and make a compromise color that will satisfy both sides. He can't do it, but maybe he enjoys the fun of trying. Here and there you will find a good-hearted, clever federal pensioner, but most of the clever ones come down here and stay. The malignant ones don't come; they are afraid to come. That is all right; let them stay there; we had rather live with the negroes than mean yankees. Here is an Ohio paper (The Monroe Chronicle) that was sent me last week—a marked copy—that is mad because our people talk about building a confederate memorial at Richmond, and says it ought not to be allowed, and that our loyalty to the union is all a pretense, and that Bill Arp, a noted rebel and writer, shows no love for a restored union. He says that such a memorial is an insult to the nation and makes treason honorable and loyalty odious; every confederate monument is a bloody shirt, and the republican party ought to die, and die eternally, if it ever allows the return of those rebel flags which are an insult to the union dead and to our disabled veterans. He denounces our rebel songs and rebel tributes to treason; and there is a lot more of such stuff, and it is in keeping with General Shaw's utterances in Atlanta about what we shall teach our children. Old as I am, I can lick that fellow in three minutes by the clock, and as he has singled me out, it would do me good to maul some grace into his malignant soul. I am afraid we will have to whip them again. But I am not going to let every fool up there make me mad—I haven't got time—I'd rather work in the garden or play with the grandchildren; they keep me amused, and I can love them without a strain. Last night I had to play Trimbleton with them, and had to be the elephant and let them ride home on my back. How far away that sounds—"Catches his hens and puts them in pens; some lays eggs and some lays none; wire brier, lumber lock, three geese in the flock," etc. One of these little girls, not yet four years old, disobeyed her mother yesterday and was promised a whipping. "Mary Lou, this is the second time you have opened the ice chest and turned over the cream. I told you that if you did it again I would whip you. Now come along in the other room." She is a good child, loving and smart, but willful. "Mamma, peas don't vip me hard." Her older sister, Caroline, had followed along out of sympathy. Mary Lou saw her and said, "Now, Talline, you go back; me doh vast you to see mamma vip me and hear me quy. It's none of your business; it's just my piness. You go pack, Talline," and she hid herself across her mother's lap ready for her piness. The mother could stand that; she relented and kissed her child, and the little thing promised again.

And so it goes on in every loving family—promising and repenting—from childhood to old age, we sin in haste and repent at leisure. May the Lord forgive us and bless the children, is my prayer.

BILL ARP.

## Passing Events.

Lord Roberts is actually feeding at Pretoria the families of burghers who are still in the field against him.

The war in South Africa has doomed the Highland kilt as a fighting dress, and it will now survive as a parade uniform only.

The pineapple crop of Florida will break all previous records. The value of the crop on the east coast alone will be in excess of \$300,000.

The Prince of Wales recently contributed a hundred autographs to a charity bazar in London, the profits of which were to go to the South African relief fund.

Edward Atkinson has temporarily dropped the Philippine question in order to inform the world that in 3,300 years the supply of potash will be exhausted, and the human race will perish.

Mrs. Amelia Folsom Young, one of the wives of Brigham Young, made her first journey to Utah forty-five years ago, largely by wagon, and is now at work upon a volume of memoirs of early Mormon times.

The free kindergarten is about to be spread broadcast through Russia. The advance will be made at the instigation of Mme. Klokof of St. Petersburg, who opened the first Russian kindergartens, pay schools, twenty-five years ago.

## Voted for McKinley.

Charlotte Observer.

The Observer is informed that half a dozen citizens were standing in front of a store on North Tryon street, last Thursday evening, discussing the election news when an old darkey came up the street and halted near the group. A man asked him if he had voted. "Yes, sah, boss," he replied. "Who did you vote for?" This question seemed to puzzle the negro, who finally said, "Boss, de only man I see certain I voted for is McKinley." And, then, with an air of happiness he lifted his hat and strolled on up the street.

## THE CENTURY'S PROGRESS.

St. Louis Republic.

When the remarkable achievements of the Nineteenth Century in strictly utilitarian, material respects are examined the imagining of romancers as to what the Twentieth Century will do gain credibility. Professor Dolliver of Tufts College epitomizes them as follows in the Philadelphia Times:

1. This century received from its predecessors the horse, we bequeath the bicycle, the locomotive and the automobile.
2. We received the goosequill and bequeath the typewriter.
3. We received the scythe, we bequeath the mowing machine.
4. We received the sickle, we bequeath the harvester.
5. We received the hand printing press, we bequeath the Hoe cylinder press.
6. We received the Johnson's Dictionary, we bequeath the Century Dictionary.
7. We received the painted canvas, we bequeath lithography, photography and color photography.
8. We received the hand loom, we bequeath the cotton and woolen factory.
9. We received gunpowder, we bequeath nitroglycerin.
10. We received the tallow dip, we bequeath the arc light and the Standard Oil Company.
11. We received the galvanic battery, we bequeath the dynamo.
12. We received the flint lock, we bequeath automatic Maxims.
13. We received the sailing ship, we bequeath the steamship.
14. We received the battleship Constitution, we bequeath the Oregon.
15. We received the beacon signal fire, we bequeath the telephone and wireless telegraphy.
16. We received wood and stone for structures, we bequeath twenty-storied skyscrapers of steel.
17. We received ordinary light, we bequeath the Roentgen rays.
18. We received the weather unannounced, we bequeath the Weather Bureau.

There is, however, another possibility. As the magnificent civilization of the Greeks and Romans was followed by the dark Middle Ages, may not a similar period of intellectual stagnation visit the world at some future time? It is frequently contended that the Chinese knew gunpowder and the mariner's compass hundreds of years before the civilized nations became familiar with them. Reported discoveries of strange wires in ancient Egyptian structures have been made the basis for a theory that the Egyptian civilization which preceded the Greek and Roman knew of the electrical transmission of messages.

The refinement of scientific knowledge are easily lost. They are locked up in the heads of men in laboratories and in technical writings, which need technical knowledge for their comprehension. It has been said that if 3,000 chosen men of the caliber of Edison in their respective sciences were swept from the earth a quarter of a century of progress would be lost at one blow. Universal war can accomplish such things. Stagnation of science is not impossible.

## Anti-Typhoid Serum.

Atlanta Journal.

Dr. Wright, professor of pathology in the British Army Medical School, makes a report on the results of inoculation with anti-typhoid serum, which is sure to attract much attention.

When he was besieged in Ladysmith General White had 12,000 troops and the garrison had to drink very impure water. The result was a great deal of typhoid fever. Of the 12,234 men in General White's command only 1,705 allowed themselves to be inoculated with the anti-typhoid serum, the other 10,529 preferring to take their chances without such treatment.

The comparison of results among the inoculated and the non-inoculated soldiers makes a fine showing for the efficiency of the serum treatment. Among the 10,529 non-inoculated soldiers in Ladysmith there occurred 1,489 cases of typhoid fever; among the 1,705 inoculated soldiers, 25 cases. Stated otherwise, there was one case of fever to every 7.07 non-inoculated soldiers, and one case to every 48.7 inoculated soldiers. In other words, for every one inoculated soldier, there were almost seven non-inoculated soldiers who took it; and this is a disparity in number sufficiently striking to make people stop and think.

The value of the serum was demonstrated in the comparative fatality as well as in the number of attacks.

The number of deaths among the non-inoculated was 329, and among the inoculated 8. Thus, therefore, there was one death among every 32 non-inoculated men, whereas there was only one death among every 213 inoculated men!

Typhoid fever is one of the most frequent and most fatal diseases in this section and Dr. Wright's report deserves consideration.

Hon. W. T. Crawford has been re-nominated for Congress in the ninth district.

## THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

Baltimore Sun, 4th.

A cablegram from Chefu, China, states that the Peking Government, according to every indication is at last awaking to the gravity of the situation. Instead of dealing with the problem by direct methods it is trying to throw the responsibility on the Boxers, and by stirring up international jealousy seeks to checkmate the foreign powers. Foreigners at Chefu declare the use of vigorous measures.

Li Hung Chang has become bolder in his dealings with the powers, and his latest attitude is regarded as an open threat. United States Consul Goodnow, at Shanghai, cables that Li told the French Consul no messages would be delivered to the Ministers because the foreign army was advancing on Peking. Mr. Goodnow also cables that Li is still trying to dicker with Secretary Hay on the basis of holding up the advance of foreigners on condition that the Ministers are delivered safe at the seacoast. Such a proposition, it is stated in Washington, will not be considered under any circumstances.

It may be questioned, however, if Li is really representing the Chinese Government in this attitude. Yuan Shih Kai, Governor of Shanung, has informed Consul Fowler at Chefu that the Chinese Foreign Office has telegraphed him that the Ministers are well, provisions have been repeatedly sent them, and "relations are most friendly." A conference, according to the Foreign Office's message, was taking place as to measures to be adopted for sending the Ministers safely to Peking. The Foreign Office thus officially declares that it is preparing to do the very thing the powers want.

Another message from Consul Goodnow is ominous as paving the way for the worst news from Peking. He cables that Li Ping Hang, a rabid anti-foreign agitator, is now commanding the troops in Peking. Li Ping Hang, according to the Consul, beheaded 20 pro-foreign members of the Chinese Foreign Office July 27 and ordered the Paoting Fu massacre. The fact that he had the power to decapitate two of China's most prominent officials shows the extent of his sway and also the helplessness of the foreigners under such conditions.

A dispatch from Shanghai says it is reported there that the allied army has advanced 35 of the 78 miles from Tientsin to Peking. The advance has been in progress since last Sunday. Three hundred Japanese, comprising a scouting party, lost 28 men in a fight. A Tientsin dispatch, dated July 27 and delayed in transmission, said that the troops were then ready to move except the British, whose tardiness caused criticism.

Baltimore Sun, 6th.

China, seeing the storm that threatens to overwhelm her, is beginning to make important concessions. In this, it is believed in Washington, she is animated by a hope that an assault by the allied armies on Peking may be averted.

A dispatch to the Paris Temps from Shanghai says the imperial edict authorizes the Ministers to communicate with their Governments "without restriction," which would amount to allowing cipher messages. It also says the departure of the Ministers for Tientsin has been "ordered."

It is said in Washington that the Ministers will probably prefer to remain in Peking until the arrival of the allied forces. This is partly explained by the fear of treachery should they leave their present comparatively secure position.

Consul James W. Ragsdale, at Tientsin, has received a message from Edwin H. Conger, United States Minister in Peking, under date of July 21. This message is as follows:

"All well. No fighting since the 16th by agreement. Enough provisions. Hope for speedy relief."

Taken in connection with the communication from Sheng this is believed to make it reasonably certain that the Ministers are still safe.

Baltimore Sun, 7th.

The allied armies advancing on Peking have had a hard fight almost at the outset. The allies fought the Chinese at Peitsang from 8 to 10:30 A. M. Sunday, losing 1,200 killed and wounded, chiefly Russians and Japanese. The Chinese were reported to be retreating. Admiral Remy in another cablegram stated that the unofficial report is believed to be reliable and that about 16,000 of the allied troops took part in the fight.

Peitsang is 11 miles northwest of Tientsin, the allies' base, and 67 miles from Peking.

A Shanghai dispatch to the London Daily Mail says: "The Peking relief column is reported to have suffered a check. The Chinese are said to have adopted Tugela tactics and after several hours of fighting to have retreated."

Dr. R. E. Diffenderfer, who has arrived at San Francisco on the transport Logan with a large number of refugees from China, was in Tientsin during the bombardment of that city by Chinese in July. He says the bombardment was probably caused by an attack on a body of Chinese imperial troops ordered by a midshipman in charge of a small party of foreign marines.

Repentance is more than sorrow for sin; it leaves the sin behind.

## STATE NEWS.

Who is to succeed Marion Butler in the Senate? This is a question that is to be decided at the primary at the time of the November election.

There is beginning to be talk about the national campaign and also of who will succeed Marion Butler as Senator. There are several names mentioned, among them F. M. Simmons, Julian S. Carr, A. M. Waddell and M. H. Justice, and there are, of course, other aspirants. This year, for the first time, the people will really choose their Senator, as they will make the selection on election day in November, when a Senatorial primary is to be held.

There is a very interesting question in regard to which county this year won the honor of being the "banner Democratic county" in the State. Robeson rather claims it, because it gave Aycock for Governor 4,100 majority, more than any other county gave him, while Mecklenburg bases its claim upon its having given the constitutional amendment 3,553, which leads the State. Mecklenburg will say that the amendment was the supreme issue and that, therefore, the majority for it is what counts.

## Butler Says "Every Negro County Has Gone Democratic."

RALEIGH, Aug. 3.—Senator Butler said this afternoon the election returns he had were not definite enough for an estimate by counties and added: "Every negro county has gone Democratic and the majority for the constitutional amendment can be anything desired. Certificates of election will be given, I should say, to 70 Democratic Representatives and 30 to 32 Democratic Senators. Of course it could be more, because stealing capacity is unlimited." The Senator says he expects to spend next week fishing and resting after his campaign, which is the most disastrous on record in North Carolina.

James H. Pou, ex-chairman of the Democratic State Committee, says: "The election was peaceful, orderly and fair. There was no fraud and no occasion for fraud, because the Democratic party was thoroughly united and the opposition was broken all to pieces. Thousands of white Republicans voted for the amendment and for our State ticket. Leading white Republicans of Raleigh publicly supported the amendment and ticket. Butler knows this as well as anyone, but has deliberately chosen to misrepresent his State in the eyes of the nation."

## Steamers on the Dead Sea.

Washington Dispatch.

"The Dead Sea, which for thousands of years has been a forsaken solitude in the midst of a desert, on whose waves no rudder has been seen for centuries," says United States Consul Winter, at Annaberg, in a letter to the State Department, "is to have a line of motor boats in the future."

"Owing to the continued increase in traffic and the influx of tourists, a shorter route is to be found between Jerusalem and Kerah, the ancient capital of the Land of Moab."

"The first steamer, built at one of the Hamburg docks, is about 100 feet long and already has begun the voyage to Palestine. An order has been given for the building of a second steamer. The one already built and on the way is named Prodomos (the fore-runner) and will carry 34 persons, together with freight of all kinds."

"The promoters of this new enterprise are the inmates of a Greek cloister in Jerusalem. The management of the line is entirely in German hands."

"The trade or Kerik with the desert is today of considerable importance. It is the main town of any commercial standing east of the Jordan and the Dead Sea. Its population consists of about 1,800 Christians and 6,000 Moslems. The merchants of Hebron are among the chief frequenters of the markets of Kerik."

## Let Them Go.

A negro preacher in Massachusetts is endeavoring to induce the negro to emigrate from North Carolina since the adoption of the amendment. In a sermon at Cavalry Baptist church, Springfield, last Sunday, he spoke of the adoption of the amendment in North Carolina and added: "Black men, who cannot read or write, will no longer be allowed to vote there. This being the case, our people should leave North Carolina. They should go where their rights as American citizens will be respected. I suggest, therefore, that you write and advise friends and relatives in every part of the South, where their rights are not respected, to emigrate North."

## The Last of His Kind.

Atlanta Constitution.

Governor Russell, of North Carolina, will become notable hereafter as the last of his kind.

Every country has its bloodless and soulless men, who have lost all respect for kindred and all love for the traditions of ancestry. North Carolina can afford to close the list with the name of the man who was callous even under the appeal of the women of his state.

## GENERAL NEWS.

Frank B. Gary and A. Howard Patterson, candidates for Lieutenant Governor in South Carolina, had a rough-and-tumble fight before a thousand Laurens people, men and women, last week. They fought with desperation and determination until Jim Tillman and others separated them, and then they wanted to get back at each other.

Suffolk, Va., was shocked on Friday by an unaccountable homicide. Charles J. Cannon was killed by First Assistant Chief of Police M. H. Prince. They were thought to be fast friends and had walked along the streets in the most friendly manner, then stopping and talking without apparent signs of disturbance. Suddenly Prince drew his pistol and shot Cannon five times, the last time with the pistol near his victim's head. Cannon died instantly and Prince gave himself up.

Rey. Henry M. Wharton, D. D., of Baltimore, was placed under arrest at Ocean City, N. J., Saturday. Mr. Wharton is charged by Miss Somers, of Ocean City, with obtaining money under false pretenses. Dr. Wharton went to Ocean City at the close of the Spanish American war, and appealed for a home for destitute and orphan children. Miss Somers, it is said, offered a home for the purpose. The home was to be put in trust, but it is alleged that Dr. Wharton secretly had the property made over to himself.

## Fond Farewell of North Carolina Negro Voters.

The Philadelphia Record contains the following account of the "fond farewell" taken by the negro voters in their State of the ballot:

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Aug. 1.—"Come on hyar, you limbs of Satan, en kiss dis ballot box far well!" commanded an old cotton headed negro, as he led his following from the Southern Congress to the election box of his precinct Thursday. Stepping proudly up to the ballot box he gave his name, adding: "En right arter de wah, I could vote when lots ob de white folks couldn't." Then he handed his anti-amendment vote to the judge, and, when it was deposited, leaned over and kissed the ballot box a fond farewell. "Dat's my last one," he said. "I knows dat I kin vote dis fall, en de nex' fall, but arter dat I can't so hit sin't no use to vote no mo'. Far well, ole fren', far well! Marse Abe Lincum gib me er vote, er I see voted de 'Publian ticket ever sense, but now dey say I see gwine ter be disfranchised." The old man turned away and limped out of the room, while his followers came forward, and, one by one, silently cast their vote, kissed the ballot box and walked slowly away. Though the polls will be open to them until 1902, after that such of these negroes as cannot read and write will not be allowed to register. This is the effect of the constitutional amendment which was adopted by the people of the State on Thursday.

## The Next Governor.

Charlotte Observer.

The Goldsboro Argus, in a handsome tribute to its fellow-townsmen, Chas. E. Aycock, Esq., who has just been elected Governor, says that "his canvass has been conducted on a plane worthy of the man and the great cause he represents, and by his dignity and eloquence and honesty he has won the respect and confidence of the entire people of the State." It is true. As able as his canvass was, it was marked by nothing so much as its dignity—the high plane on which it was pitched. He said nothing that any woman might not have heard; he said nothing to arouse the anger or wound the heart of any man of any party. He was dignified, argumentative, considerate, kindly, always. That these qualities in hustings speakings are effective, that they appeal to the people, is attested by the immense majority given him—a majority for greater than any candidate for office ever received in North Carolina before; and to-day, after having traversed the State from end to end and spoken in nearly every county in it, he is by far the most popular citizen of the Commonwealth. The Democratic party made no mistake in nominating this man for Governor and the people of all parties made no mistake in electing him. He will justify all their confidence and regard and will do what few men do—go out of office as popular as he was when he went in.

## Senator Pritchard.

Raleigh Post.

The Charlotte Observer is but just when it commends, by comparison, the dignified conduct of Senator Pritchard throughout the campaign. Months ago the Post expressed surprise that the Senator should take a position against the amendment. He did so, however, and goes down in the wreck, but in his campaign he discussed the question, from the standpoint of an opponent, not only in a clear manner, but with ability, "making the worse appear the better cause." That he stood aloof from the management of the campaign of his party and the dickering and fusion mess the party machine indulged in was indicated some days ago when he replied to a Post correspondent that he really "did not know what was being done" by those running the machine of his party. All of which are to his credit. We hope the lesson he has learned will serve him a good purpose hereafter.