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"Mr. Stanley, I presume."

Of all the incidents in the life of Sir Henry M. Stanley the most famous was his meeting with Dr. Livingston, the lost missionary-explorer, whom he had been sent to find in the heart of Africa. Stanley's own account of this helped to make it so.

Everybody saw the unconscious humor of the situation in which the intrepid searcher, entering a little lakeside village thousands of miles from civilization, marched with flags flying and guns firing to the group of natives surrounding the solitary white man in the whole region, lifted his hat and said, just as politely as he might have done on Broadway:

"Dr. Livingston, I presume?" Negro minstrels caricatured it; everybody laughed over it, and then it was forgotten almost until on a very solemn occasion it was recalled to the explorer himself.

After his return to England from the relief of Emin Pasha, when honors of all kinds were being heaped upon Stanley—this was before he became Sir Henry, M. P.—Cambridge University summoned him to commencement to receive from her the honorary of LL. D.

The senate house was crowded, the recipients of degrees of honor were numerous and of great dignity. The Duke of Devonshire, chancellor of the university, conferred the honors, and up in the gallery the undergraduates, in accordance with a time-honored custom, gazed each dignified incident as he came forward in head and gown to receive the parchment creating him an honorary doctor of the university and to hear the public voice send his praises in formal Latin phrases.

They stepped up, were called and passed by in their turn, and at last came Stanley. As he moved forward to the rostrum, a shrill, piping voice from the short-gowned youths in the gallery shouted:

"Mr. Stanley, I presume?" And chancellor, public orator and even Stanley himself joined in the roar of laughter which swept through the senate house.

H. L. Love of Plumtree in Western North Carolina died Tuesday at Bristol, Tenn., from injuries received the night before under a west wind of the Norfolk and Western road. The engine struck and demolished him. He is survived by a widow and six children.

Sectionalism.

Notwithstanding the familiar protests and complaints against the existence of sectional feeling in our country, we would dislike and earnestly regret to see that feeling abolished. All the teachings of nature are against exact uniformity and monotony. It would be a miserable world if the weather was all the same, if people were all alike and if one landscape was precisely the same as all others. The differences developed by climate, soil, conditions and traditions are wholesome. Sectional feeling is an instinct of humanity. We develop it down to the smallest geographical and political divisions. Sections of the continent have prejudices against each other and parts of a ward have the same feeling and on slight provocation, on the occasion of a football game or a primary election for justice of the peace, develop enmities and emulations and loyalties which are astonishing.

Every progressive and prosperous country in the world has its sections and divisions and diversifications. Ours should not be an exception. The differences and rivalries and competitions make for healthful activity. The bitterness born of blood-letting, the insolence of triumph on one side and the pang of defeat on the other are fading rapidly. As these pass away they leave North and South, East and West to emulate each other's achievements, advantages and improvements, and to encourage among themselves the instinct of loyalty to land and friends, neighbors and blood, which really is one of the highest impulses that human nature knows.

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An Unseen Punishment.

There are two boys who manage to be rather unruly in school and their teacher was so exasperated one day that she ordered them to remain after hours and write their name 1,000 times. Suddenly one burst out with a roar of despair between his sobs and said to the teacher:

"Tain't fair, mum! His name is Bush and mine's Schluttermeyer!"

Want Pay For Their Patriotism.

It is noticed that those who took it upon themselves to save the State are in nowise backward in asking for what they think they should have.

BATTLE OF NANSHAN.

Japanese Win a Bloody Victory Over Russians.

Yokohama Special, May 21st. There was a terrific battle between the Russians and Japanese at Nanshan at the junction of the Port Arthur and Dalny branches of the Manchurian railroad last Thursday, the culmination of a week's campaigning and maneuvering for position.

It seems that after defeating the Russians at Wiju, on the boundary between Korea and Manchuria, the Japanese pushed eastward to the Manchurian railroad, about one hundred miles, and then commenced working south toward Port Arthur. The Russians, at first somewhat demoralized, began to offer more or less resistance on May 21, and from that date the fighting grew more and more severe.

The Japanese defeated the Russians in a number of minor skirmishes, and on Wednesday met them in strong force at Kin Choa about thirty-two miles north of Port Arthur. From their spies the Japanese learned that the Russians were strongly entrenched with about thirty guns, and defended by innumerable mines and wire entanglements, at the points where attacks were expected. The attack, however, was pushed with the utmost vigor, and notwithstanding heavy Japanese losses the Russians were forced to retire to a seemingly impregnable position they had fortified on Nanshan, a small mountain at the junction of the railroad.

Without hesitation the Japanese made assault after assault on the Nanshan hill. The Russians met them with a terrific artillery fire at long range, and as they got closer moved them down with rifles. In many cases every officer and man of the charging columns were killed; but this seemed to in no wise deter those behind. Finally it was decided that more artillery was needed, and after an artillery duel of a half hour or more, many of the Russian guns seemed disabled. Then the infantry charges were renewed. Gradually the Japanese worked themselves to within 400 yards of the Russian trenches and here encountered wire entanglements. A detachment more intrepid than the rest, found an opening, and others poured in after until soon there was an immense number on the hill fighting hand to hand with the Russians who had to eventually give way. In the meantime, the hill, being within range from the deep water on either side, was being shelled by Russian gunboats on one side and by Japanese gunboats on the other. The Japanese had one piece of good fortune. The ground over which they had to charge had been mined; but they accidentally discovered the wires leading to the explosives and cut them, thus saving themselves from terrific loss.

The reports have it that the Japanese lost 3,000 men in killed alone in the charge on Nanshan, and that they found more than 400 dead Russians in and about the trenches. There is reason to believe that the Japanese loss is really largely in excess of these figures, and that the Russian loss has not been underestimated. It appears in fact that there has been absolutely no information from the Russian side and that even St. Petersburg has been dependent upon the Japanese for news.

After retiring from Nanshan hill, the Russians went on to Port Arthur, and it seems that this stronghold is the next center of interest. The place can only be taken by siege or assault, and it is understood that the Japanese have not only determined on the latter method; but they propose to complete their work within a few weeks. They cannot afford to daily until Russian reinforcements arrive, preferring rather to pay the tremendous cost in life that will be involved in assault. The situation now appears to be growing more interesting daily.

Opportunities Still Plentiful. Young men are nowadays inclined to the opinion that the opportunities for making fortunes are not as great as they were a half a century or even a quarter of a century ago. As a matter of fact there is plenty of evidence that the avenues to fortunes are as unobstructed now as they ever were. Indeed, the demand for men who are capable and reliable is now greater than ever before and where there is such a demand there are opportunities for making fortunes.

Editor vs. Lawyer.

A lawyer in a courtroom may call a man a liar, scoundrel, villain, or thief, and so one makes a complaint when court has adjourned. If a newspaper prints such reflections on a man's character there is a libel suit or a dead editor. And this is owing to the fact that people believe what an editor says; what a lawyer says counts no figure.

THREAT TO COMMERCE.

Dangers That Follow the Planting of Mines in War Times.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Russia is unable to understand why the United States and England should protest against the laying of the mines which destroyed the Japanese war vessel, when no objection was made to the mines which blew up the Russian ships. The cases, however, are widely different. The Russian ships were blown up in the entrance to the harbor of Port Arthur, while the Japanese vessel was sunk more than ten miles away from the shore. This was at least seven miles beyond the limit in which the waters belong to the country whose shores they wash. Moreover, report has it that mines have been seen floating many miles farther away from the shore, and therefore in neutral waters.

The protests which have been expected at St. Petersburg from the American and British governments have not yet been received, and may not be made, unless some new evidence of Russian recklessness in mine strewing is seen. The defense which Russia will make is that the old three-mile restriction is obsolete. When vessels lying ten miles away from the shore can throw missiles on to the land, Russia will declare that the planting or the floating of mines at that distance from the shore ought to be permissible. If the reports be true, however, which say that Russia has been sending mines broadcast, irrespective of the distance they travel and of the vessels they strike, this sort of a plea will have no force.

As the United States and England do a good deal of trading just outside of the war zone, their vessels are liable at any moment to come in contact with some of these Russian appliances of destruction. The sinking of a vessel belonging to either of those countries by mines floating in neutral waters would raise a point which Russia would do well to avoid. While public sentiment in the English-speaking nations is not hostile to Russia, it is sufficiently distrustful to provoke complications should any of her mines strike a vessel belonging to either.

Whether an actual protest has been made by Washington or London to St. Petersburg or not, there has been a warning voiced through the press of both countries which Russia should heed. If any of the Czar's floating or hidden infernal machines should strike an American vessel on the high seas, a new peril for his government would quickly present itself.

Child Dies From Whiskey. Yorkville Requirer, May 21. A four-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lucas, who live in the Tavora mill quarter of Yorkville, died last Sunday afternoon as the result of over indulgence in whiskey. It seems that the child's parents had been accustomed to giving it whiskey almost as it pleased and during the day its father gave it some XX corn and its mother gave it some rum or gin. Later it wanted more and because it was refused seemed to grow quite angry; but presently remarked, "I's junk," and fell into convulsions. Dr. W. G. White was sent for and did what he could to revive the unfortunate little fellow, but was unable to accomplish anything. Not only had the child taken more whiskey than its system could stand; but there had elapsed sufficient time for the alcohol to become assimilated in the circulation and the paralysis that followed was complete. There has been no official investigation of this rather unusual case.

Confederate Veterans' Reunion.

Nashville, Tenn., June 14-16th, 1904.

For above occasion the Southern Railway will sell tickets to Nashville, Tenn., and return at rates named below: Goldsboro \$13.55, Selma \$13.15, Raleigh \$12.50, Durham \$12.05, Henderson \$11.50, Greensboro \$10.95, Salisbury \$9.85, Winston-Salem \$10.55, Hickory \$8.80, Charlotte \$10.10, Gastonia \$9.65, Shelby \$9.10. Approximately low rates from other points. Tickets sold June 10th to 12th and inclusive with final limit to leave Nashville June 12th, 1904; provided tickets are officially stamped by Joseph Richardson, Special Agent.

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McADENVILLE MOVING.

Very Little Sickness—New Houses Going up—Personal Mention.

McAdenville, June 1.—There is very little sickness here at present, with the exception of Miss Kate Webb, who is right sick and one of Mr. J. C. Roberts' little children and also one of Mr. P. D. Wilson's children who are still sick. We have no serious sickness that your correspondent knows of. Dr. L. N. Glenn could not have had a better time to leave us than he had last week. He attended the State Medical Association but is back again.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stafford arrived home Monday from a tour through Lincoln, Catawba, and Alexander counties visiting friends and relatives. They were gone about a week.

Robert Hare and wife and little son Willie returned last week from a ten day's outing among friends and relatives at Avon and Hallsellville, S. C.

Mrs. R. E. Cochrane of Charlotte is visiting Mrs. R. R. Ray. The Ladies Aid Society expects to give another supper in the new town hall on the 11th. It will be fine if it is anything like the last one.

Mr. M. B. Albea and daughters, Misses Esther and Lottie, went over to Charlotte Saturday to see the ball game between McAdenville and Spencer.

Mrs. Monteith and son David, of Columbia, are visiting the Misses Webb.

Miss Esther and Lottie Albea expect to have as their guests the latter part of this week the following young ladies: Misses Della Norman, Laura Albea, Eloise Roberts and Ozelle Chesbire, all of Charlotte.

Mr. Eugene Howell is in town. Miss Annie Webb has returned to her home in Charlotte. Miss Pearl Hislop accompanied her.

Messrs. Stoney and Britt, Drake and Ray Albea went over to Charlotte Saturday returning home Sunday.

Misses Katherine and Lottie Ray went over to Charlotte Tuesday.

Mr. G. L. Webb went to Gastonia Monday evening to have some work done on his teeth.

Mr. E. M. Hislop went over to Gastonia Tuesday.

Mr. J. B. Reid has moved into the house formerly occupied by Mr. Oliver Senior.

Mr. J. P. Clemmer has just finished an addition to Mr. K. N. Kee's house and now has lumber laid down to build 4 new houses for the McAdenville Mills. He will also build new porches to a number of the brick houses.

Mrs. Bessie Earney is moving to Charlotte to-day.

Rev. A. R. Surratt of Calvary church, Charlotte, and Rev. J. H. Bradley of this place will exchange pulpits next Sunday.

Mr. Surratt was a former pastor of the Methodist church here.

The Baptist church here has called Rev. J. L. Vipperman to the pastorate of the church here for half his time.

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World's Fair, St. Louis, Mo.

MAY-NOVEMBER, 1904. SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Account the above occasion, effective April 25, 1904, Southern Railway will place on sale daily tickets at extremely low rates, to St. Louis, Mo., and return. Following are rates applying from principal points in State of North Carolina:

	Season	60-Day	15-Day
Asheboro	\$35.55	\$29.90	\$24.20
Asheville	32.35	26.90	22.25
Charlotte	36.10	30.10	24.65
Durham	34.10	28.40	23.30
Gastonia	36.10	30.10	24.65
Goldsboro	37.10	31.40	26.25
Greensboro	34.10	28.40	23.30
Henderson	34.10	28.40	23.30
Hendersonville	33.35	27.85	22.95
Hickory	34.10	28.40	23.30
Marion	34.10	28.40	23.30
Morganton	34.10	28.40	23.30
Mt. Airy	37.00	30.85	25.10
Newton	34.10	28.40	23.30
Raleigh	35.60	29.90	24.80
Rutherfordton	35.55	29.60	24.20
Salisbury	34.10	28.40	23.30
Sanford	37.60	31.90	26.25
Selma	37.10	31.40	26.25
Stateville (via Knoxville)	34.10	28.40	23.30
Wilkesboro	40.00	33.40	25.10
Winston-Salem	35.85	29.85	24.40

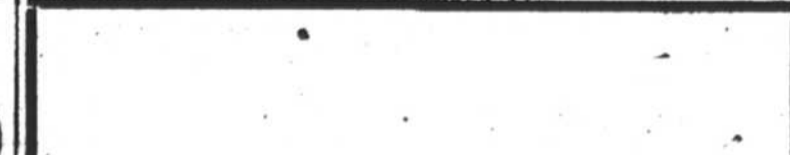
Southern Railway will, effective April 26, 1904, inaugurate Through Pullman Sleeping Car between Greensboro, N. C., and St. Louis, Mo., via Salisbury, Asheville, Knoxville, Lexington and Louisville, leaving Greensboro daily at 7:20 P. M.

For full information as to rates from all points, Sleeping-Car reservations, schedules, illustrated literature, etc., address ANY AGENT, or

R. L. VERNON, Traveling Passenger Agent, Charlotte, N. C.

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