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FOR INVASION OF CUBA.

Six Thousand Troops to be Transported on Harbor Vessels and Others Will Follow on Liners if Necessary—Gen. Funston to Command.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Military plans have been made for a possible invasion of Cuba. Brigadier General Frederick Funston to command. Six thousand troops are to be transported on harbor vessels and others are to follow on chartered commercial liners if necessary. Troops are to be drawn from the Atlantic Seaboard States. The government arsenals are working overtime on small arms and ammunition. The quartermaster, subsistence and medical departments of the army are accumulating supplies at the coast depots. A provincial regiment of marines will be organized on ships in Cuban waters with Lieutenant Colonel George Barnett in command.

NO HOPES OF A COMPROMISE.

Question Now is: "In What Form Will United States Intervention be Applied."

Havana, Sept. 22.—The big question now forming in Cuba is not whether the United government shall intervene to restore peace, but in what form the intervention will be offered. Secretary Taft has received statements from all factions that indicate that no agreement can possibly be reached that would leave the island government wholly in Cuban hands. American officials, hitherto optimistic over the prospects of securing peace and restoring the Palma government, are now convinced that only the good offices of Uncle Sam can save the island from continued turmoil and an uncertain political future.

Secretary Taft has received statements from Capote representing the government's view of the situation, and from Senay setting forth the attitude of the rebels and some give any hope of compromise. Officials of the Palma government threaten that if the American representatives order new elections the entire responsibility of conducting the government temporarily and managing the elections will be thrown on their hands.

Egypt's Cotton Crop.

Washington, Sept. 18.—Although the United States is the greatest cotton producing country in the world, reports received at the Department of Commerce and Labor recently show that so fertile is the land of Egypt and so large the crops grown there, that shipments of cotton to the United States from that country have reached as high as \$10,000,000 a year, and the average is believed to be about \$7,758,657. This is the finest cotton in the world, long staple, and brings highest market prices.

Not all of the crop of Egypt is shipped to the United States. Great Britain, which takes the bulk of Egypt's crop, returns as the output of the Manchester looms practically all the cotton goods that are received, and she sends cotton mill machinery into the heart of Egypt in large quantities.

Senator Simmons has an affidavit charging Rural Free Delivery Mail Carrier J. F. Dagenhardt with disturbing the speech of Dick Hackett, Aug. 11th, and using offensive language in the hall in the presence of ladies.

CHIEF CREECY WEEPS.

Tar Heel, a Son of Editor Creecy, of Elizabeth City, Greatly Affected by Congratulations From His Father.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 21.—Chief of Police Creecy has received many congratulations since his appointment Wednesday night, both in person and by mail, but the expression of good will that impressed him most was conveyed in a telegram that reached him to-day. The message read: "My sincere congratulations. Winter apples; you know." It was signed, R. B. Creecy, Elizabeth City, N. C.

"That's the very best thing yet," said Chief Creecy, smiling as a tear crept from his eye, "that's my father, God bless him; he's 93 years old. You know what he means by winter apples? He's reminding me of something he once told me. Fourteen years ago, when I was 45, I went home on a visit. I was bemoaning my situation in life. 'Here I am 45 years old and only a policeman,' I said, 'I wish I had taken advantage of the good education you gave me and made something of myself.' My father told me not to be discouraged. He said, 'Your uncle Ben once told me we were all winter apples; he said we never had much success until we become old.'"

The new chief is 59 years of age.

Government Ownership Bound to Come.

Extract From Mr. Bryan's Raleigh Speech. "As to the railroads," declared Mr. Bryan, "we must own them ultimately. I am jumped on by all of the papers that are against me in former campaigns and the people who only voted for me because they felt that they ought to do it, for my views on government ownership. I said that I did not know whether the time was ripe for it or not. But I think that the doctrine is right and do not hesitate to say so. President Roosevelt said in two of his messages to Congress that if the railroads did not stop doing certain things the government would have to own them."

"Every State has felt the corrupting influences of the railroad. Look at your own State platform. To defeat a measure in our State a railroad carried a legislator out of the State on an engine and he has not been seen there since. President Roosevelt could not have secured the passage of the rate bill had he not threatened the railroads with government ownership. If any one here prefers regulation now, but ownership if that cannot be had, I can be patient with him, for I stood there and hoped and hoped. It is only a question of time. Mine must be the ultimate plan. In it there is no danger of centralization. The dual plan would give the States control of the roads within their borders. This, of course, would be a matter of State regulation. If the State preferred to leave these roads in the hands of private owners that would be all right. I shall not argue with you. I think as I please. Every Democrat should do his own thinking. If every one thought for himself we could find out what the Democratic majority is."

Ten miles of the double tracks of the Southern, between Greensboro and High Point, are being used. The stretch from Jamestown to High Point is connected up. The entire 15 miles between the Gate City and High Point will be ready for service soon.

SHOT TO DEATH AT SPENCER.

Flagman Whitaker Killed by Conductor Hedrick—Alleged That Whitaker Paid Attention to Hedrick's Wife.

Spencer, Sept. 21.—G. C. Whitaker, a Southern Railway flagman, of Pilot Mountain, was shot and instantly killed here this afternoon by P. F. Hedrick, a Southern railway conductor, of this place. The killing occurred in a store in the center of town where Whitaker was making a purchase, and it is stated that no words passed between the two men before the shooting began. Accompanied by his wife, Mr. Hedrick was seen to pass along the street and enter the store where Whitaker was. On seeing Mr. and Mrs. Hedrick enter the front door Whitaker immediately ran towards the rear door, apparently in efforts to escape the presence of the conductor. Hedrick, it is said, opened fire with his revolver as Whitaker escaped at the back door. Following him to the back lot it was found that Whitaker had been wounded and had fallen in a small ravine. By this time Hedrick had emptied his revolver and was snapping at the wounded man.

RELOADED HIS REVOLVER.

A crowd began to gather on the scene and in a moment, it is stated by witnesses, Hedrick had reloaded his pistol, walked up to Whitaker's side and fired another bullet into the breast of the dying man. He then walked away following Mrs. Hedrick to the front of the block. Hedrick afterwards returned to the scene of the killing and asked bystanders if Whitaker was dead, after which he went to his home and later surrendered to officers.

COMMITTED TO JAIL WITHOUT BOND.

After being taken into custody he retained as counsel Overman & Gregory and Clement & Clement, of Salisbury, and was committed to jail without bond. Hedrick was tried and acquitted for killing A. D. Shuping in Salisbury eight years ago, it being held that the shooting was justifiable.

The killing of Whitaker is said to have been the result of his attention to Mrs. Hedrick. The conductor, however, claims self-defense. Five balls took effect and Whitaker died without speaking. He had a pistol in his hand when he died but was not seen to attempt to use it on his assailant, though two chambers were empty.

Coroner E. Rose Dorsett was summoned and held a verdict over the remains of Whitaker this afternoon and his jury decided that the latter met his death at the hands of Hedrick. Witnesses testified that, as the conductor fired the last shot, he exclaimed "I guess you are dead."

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hedrick were well known and much liked in Spencer, where they have resided for the past six years. Capt. Hedrick had a run between Spencer and Monroe and had just returned home when the tragedy occurred. The affair, which has caused considerable excitement here, is greatly regretted and much sympathy is expressed for the family.

Young Whitaker came to Spencer about two years ago from Pilot Mountain and was a valued employe of the Southern and very popular with his friends.

After being examined by the coroner his remains were taken to an undertaking establishment for preparation for burial. It was found that one ball entered the neck, one the back, one the hip from the rear, one the leg and a fifth one the breast. It is said that either one of four of the shots would have proved fatal. The father of the young man was notified this afternoon and is expected to arrive here to-morrow morning.

Unique Corn Crop.

W. D. Cornwell brought to our office Tuesday morning a hill of corn containing six stalks and on the six stalks there are 17 ears of the finest popcorn eyes ever beheld. Mr. Cornwell informs us that this crop grew from a grain of horse corn that he could find to raise roasting ears and planted one grain in a hill. He said that the corn came up all right in due time and usually five "shoots" sprung from the root of the stalk and that they continued to grow until one can hardly tell which is the stalk and which are the "shoots." On these six stalks there are 17 ears of popcorn.

OBITUARY.

A Tribute to the Memory of Mrs. Sallie Banister.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Gastonia Main Street is again called upon to mourn the loss of a much loved member, Mrs. Sallie Banister, or as she was lovingly called, "Aunt Sallie," who fell asleep July 3, 1906.

As is but a just tribute to the memory of her whose long life was full of tender ministrations many a weary brow, having been soothed by the touch of her gentle hands as she stood by the sick and suffering, she was active in all that pertained to the good of our church being one of the "Mothers in Israel" who began our woman's work she was ever ready to respond to the calls made upon her and her cheery smile and works of encouragement will be our loss.

We shall look to the place in the Sanctuary that she was wont to fill and miss her that she is no more who even toward the sunset of life as her strength grew feeble and steps faltering would always be found wending her way to her beloved church.

While we sincerely grieve with those nearest and dearest to her let us not yield to this sorrow but look up and give thanks to our Heavenly Father for this example of loving devotion, the memory of which shall strengthen our lives and help us to higher plains of usefulness in our Master's service.

We would place this tribute of love to the memory of our sister in the minutes on a page of our record book and also send a copy to the relatives, the home papers and the Christian Advocate.

MRS. A. A. McLEAK, MRS. E. L. BAIN, MRS. R. L. SWAN.

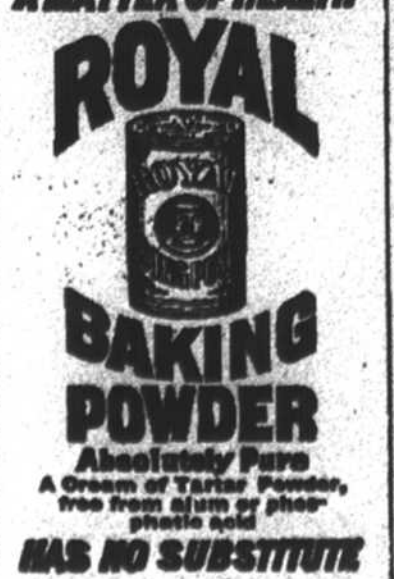
Trolley Lines in the Mountains.

That is a good idea Governor Glenn has in turning the mountain turnpikes into trolley roads, but if he does, as the Charlotte News says, he must have a lot of safe turn-outs for the mountain bull-carts. Any one who has had experience with a runaway steer knows that that animal on such occasion prefers to take to the woods to keeping on a good road, and that when he starts on his "wild career" through the underbrush and thickets he shuts his eyes and abandons all thought of the consequences; that his only idea is to get away from the thing that is trying to leave far in the rear and that the more successful he thinks his efforts will be to get away from the imaginary danger.

Yes, trolley lines through the mountains should be built with an idea to the protection of the owners of bull-carts and of their wives and children who generally accompany them on their expeditions from home, perilous now without the added danger of meeting an electric car at every turn in the steep and tortuous mountain road. And the governor should remember that nothing is more destructive to the young growth of trees—not even a forest fire—than the wild rush of a yoke of steers hitched to a lumbering ox cart through a forest of second growth timber. We hope that the governor in installing his mountain trolley lines will bear these two important matters in mind. If he will do this and make provision against the destruction of life and forests by scared steers his trolley lines will be a great success no doubt.

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YORK AND YORKVILLE.

What's Being Among our Neighbors Just Across the Line.

Yorkville Register, 21st. There is not a great deal of disposition to rush cotton on the market. On the contrary there is lots of cotton going from the gins to the warehouses.

It was with considerable difficulty that about two-thirds of the people of the county were aroused to take an interest in politics this year, and most of them have dropped the subject to give their undivided attention to business.

Mr. R. T. Castles, of Smyrna, who recently advertised a flock of sheep for sale, writes that he had no trouble in disposing of what he had at the price he wanted, and that he could have easily sold one hundred more. He is now going to give his attention to cattle raising.

Mayor Hart has announced when a defendant charged with selling whisky puts up the defense that he was only acting as messenger, he must name the party from whom the purchase was made or take the consequences himself.

The handsome concrete residence just put in course of erection by Mr. O. E. Wilkins is attracting quite a lot of local interest. The concrete block is a new thing in building construction in this community; but it is no experiment. It is easily as good as dressed granite.

The commissioners of public works have secured a change in the town's electric contract with the Catawba power company. By the change the town buys its power on a flat rate at so much per horse power, the same as the cotton mills.

Yorkville is literally swarming with cotton buyers this year. Among them are Messrs. Latta Bros., W. R. Carroll, Y. B. & M. Co., B. N. Moore, H. T. Williams, J. F. White, R. B. Russell, J. B. Pegram and perhaps others. Mr. W. S. Neil is buying for the Y. B. & M. Co. With such a swarm of buyers a good market is assured.

This has been the year for harvesting corn according to modern methods. Lots of people attempted to pull fodder and lost their labor and fodder too. Had the country been provided with shredders, much roughness that has been lost could have been saved. Our people have not yet been disposed to take on to the corn shredding idea; but nevertheless, it is the right thing. There is nothing to be said good of fodder pulling in its comparison.

50 DEAD; 100 INJURED.

Two Cars Dynamite Explode at Jellico, Tenn.

London, Ky., Sept. 21.—A dispatch from Jellico, Tenn., says that two car loads of dynamite exploded there this morning destroying a Standard Oil tank and several buildings. It is reported that from 70 to 100 were killed in the explosion, which occurred on the tracks of the Louisville & Nashville railroad. A special train carrying doctors has gone from here to Jellico.

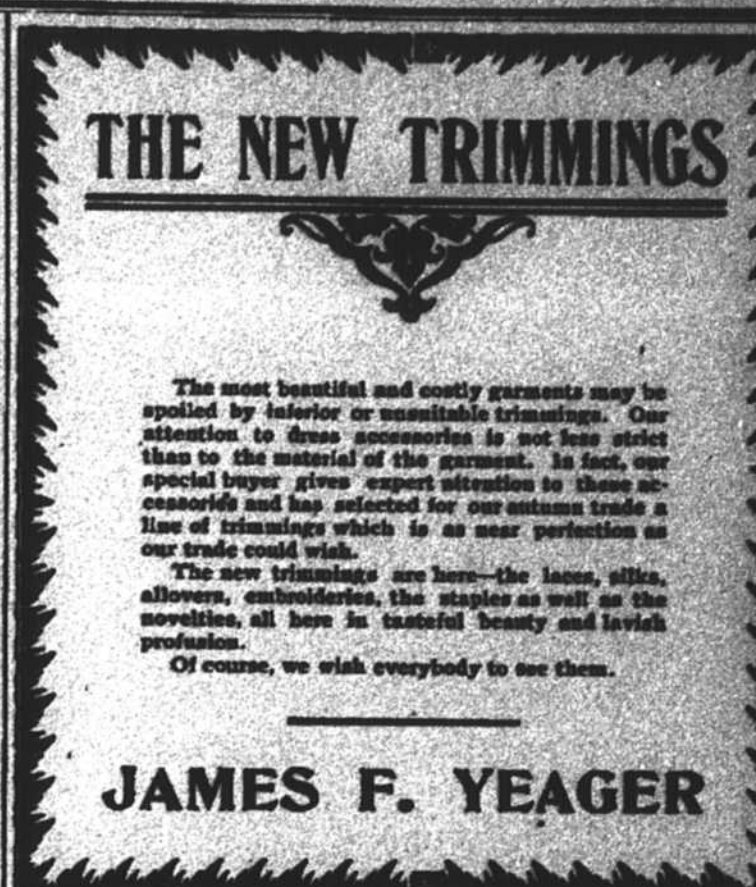
The property loss is estimated at \$1,000,000. Five unidentified bodies and the following known dead have been removed from the wreckage: Walter Rodgers, John Gordon, John Cook, George Atkins.

The number of dead in the explosion is known to be 50, and 100 injured, most of them slightly. The entire business section of the city is damaged to the extent of \$10,000,000. Every house in Jellico along the Louisville & Nashville is totally destroyed, and nearly every store in the town is either blown to pieces or damaged to such an extent that it is ruined. Jellico has a population of nearly 4,000.

Want Him at Waynesville.

Waynesville Courier.

Mr. Thomas Moore, brother of Mr. Andrew E. Moore of Gastonia, is spending several days here, the guest of Mr. L. M. Welsh, residing. Mr. Moore is quite prominent in cotton mill circles, being the president of Lorry Mills, Gaffney Mills, and Tuckers Mills, representing an invested capital of about five million dollars. The Courier could wish that Mr. Moore might contract a weakness for Waynesville and lend some of his strength to the projecting of a cotton mill here. We have the electric power and the labor—two very important elements.



THE NEW TRIMMINGS

The most beautiful and costly garments may be spoiled by inferior or unsuitable trimmings. Our attention to dress accessories is not less strict than to the material of the garment. In fact, our special buyer gives expert attention to these accessories and has selected for our autumn trade a line of trimmings which is as near perfection as our trade could wish.

The new trimmings are here—the lawn, silk, allover, embroideries, the staples as well as the novelties, all here in tasteful beauty and lavish profusion.

Of course, we wish everybody to see them.

JAMES F. YEAGER

THE MACHINIST.

His Work Ranges From a Needle to a Battleship.

"There is, perhaps, no other trade and very few professions," writes William Haddon in the Technical World Magazine, "that require the high order of intelligence, the study, the application, the real hard headed common sense, the surgeon's delicacy of touch, for instance, in fitting of fine work, that the machinist's trade demands to give the excellent work and the interchangeability of parts found in the modern rifle or sewing machine. The range of his work is from a needle to a battleship; from automatic machinery that would talk French had it one more movement, to measuring machines guaranteed not to vary more than the fifty-thousandth part of an inch from the absolute. This precision will perhaps be better appreciated when it is remembered that 150 times this limit of variation is only equal to the diameter of the average human hair.

Standard plug and ring gauges, to take a specific example, are so accurately fitted to each other that the expansion due to the warmth of the hand, if the plug be held in it for a few moments, will make it impossible to insert the plug in the ring, while if the ring be expanded in the same way the plug will drop clear through it.

"When the machinist has become skillful enough to fulfill the above requirements he may receive from \$2.50 per day up to whatever he can make himself worth and prove it."

Steamer Sunk Near Wilmington.

Wilmington, Sept. 21.—The Clyde Line steamer Navaboe collided with the Cape Fear fisheries steamer Atlantic this morning near Fort Caswell, and sunk her in 22 feet of water.

The Navaboe was returning to Wilmington from Georgetown when the collision occurred. A misunderstanding of signals is given as the cause of the accident. All of the Atlantic's crew were rescued.

The Atlantic was built in Baltimore in 1902, and was valued at \$75,000.

Mr. Poag Meets a Male.

Rock Hill Cor. Yorkville Register. Mr. J. Edgar Poag, the well known, real estate broker who "cuts the earth to suit your taste" lost a fine mule one day recently. Information on the subject is hard to obtain from Mr. Poag himself, but the facts so far as can be learned are to the effect that Mr. Poag and a friend were out for a spin in a auto. They met a lone lady driving a small black mule who showed signs of exceeding nervousness and refused either to pass or stand pat. The gallant broker alighted and grasping the frightened animal by reins and nose, signalled his chauffeur friend to "go ahead now, I'll hold him." The auto went ahead with a choo-choo and so did the mule, knocking his would-be captor aside and to the ground, piling on him butter, eggs and all sorts of country produce and hiking for town. Mr. Poag and his friend gathered up the things that could be saved and came back to town enquiring for a lady driving a small black mule.

WALKED 210 MILES AT 70.

Bishop Coleman, of Delaware Diocese, Rewards Vacation in Record-Breaking Pedestrianism.

Wilmington, Del., Sept. 21st. to New York Herald. "Yes" I walked two hundred and ten miles in ten days and that is not a bad record for a man of seventy," laughed Bishop Leighton Coleman, of the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware, to-day. He had just returned from a trip on foot through western Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Bishop Coleman left this city ten days ago for his long tramp. Only his intimate friends knew where he was, and as he traveled under an assumed name, he had an unusual experience, on several occasions being taken for a tramp.

For several years the bishop has been spending his vacation in this manner. He intends to tell of his experience in lecture for charitable purposes.

Two Trees in a Tomb.

Rock Hill Cor. Yorkville Register.

Near the newly made grave of Alfred Beit, in Twiss churchyard, is the most curious tomb in England. In it is buried Lady Anne Grimston, daughter of Earl of Thanet, who died nearly two centuries ago. Upon her death-bed she related spiritual comfort. An atheist she had lived, an atheist she would die. "It is as likely that I should rise again from the dead," she said, "as that a tree should grow out of the middle of my coffin." A tree has grown out of the middle of her coffin—an oak—and by its side a sycamore. The vault is square, of brick and granite. The two trees first filled the interior before they could find a way out. When they did burst through the masonry they so spread as completely to envelop the grave.

Five Patches of Corn.

Rock Hill Cor. Yorkville Register.

Mr. Haskell G. Stanton, of Bethel, was in Yorkville last Wednesday on business and in the course of a conversation with several gentlemen in the clerk's office, related incidentally to a splendid patch of corn that has been raised by Dr. Thomas W. Campbell, long known as the best farmer in Bethel township. "I have not seen this patch," said Mr. Stanton; "but my understanding is that there are four and a quarter acres of it and the doctor estimates that the yield will be at the rate of one hundred bushels to the acre. The corn is of a prolific variety, the name of which I forget, and there are lots of stalks that have as many as four or five ears. The doctor is estimating 150 ears to the bushel, and from what I understand he will probably get rather more than a hundred bushels to the acre." Mr. Stanton went on to say that Rev. W. B. Arrowood has a fine patch of corn raised in accordance with the Williamson standing method. He spoke very highly of Mr. Arrowood as a farmer.

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