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What is probably the highest restaurant in the world has been opened at the Elmsmeer station of the Jungfrau Railway, in Switzerland. It is situated 10,000 feet above the sea level, close to the summit of the mountain. The food is not cooked by ordinary fuel, but by electricity generated by the Lutschine, all deep down in the valley

THE CHARGES ALL FALSE.

Gaston Convicts Treated Well as Investigation Proves—Letters to Socialist Papers Absolutely False.

In its issue of Monday The Charlotte Observer reprinted from The Chicago Daily Socialist a letter bearing a Charlotte date line which recounted instances of alleged cruelty inflicted on convicts serving sentences on the Gaston county chaingangs. The letter was brought to the attention of The Observer by a Charlotte minister and our esteemed contemporary reprinted it, at the same time expressing disbelief in the existence of such conditions as were there depicted. Identically the same letter with a good deal added, appeared in a New York Socialist paper earlier in the month.

That The Observer's readers and exchanges in the North and East, where these slanderous articles were published, might know the truth, The Observer's correspondent at Gastonia, sent that paper the following communication which appeared yesterday morning:

Referring to the article copied in The Observer of Monday, the same being a letter written from Charlotte to The Chicago Daily Socialist, your correspondent has taken it upon himself to investigate the charges to ascertain if perchance there is any foundation for such assertions as appear therein. Though kept by pressing work from making a personal visit Monday to either of the two convict camps in the county, I have interviewed a number of prominent and trustworthy citizens and officials of the county with the result that in every case the statements made by the Charlotte person in this letter are without even the shadow of a foundation in fact. On the contrary, from statements by reputable men, in no wise connected with the conduct of the county chaingangs, but who have observed conditions as they exist, I am convinced that nowhere do criminals receive any better treatment than right here in the good old County of Gaston, one of the most prosperous and law-abiding counties in the Old North State.

The letter referred to, with the addition of some two columns more of the same kind of stuff, appeared in The New York Evening Call of September 5th, this paper being a daily issued by the Socialists of that city. Similar letters, emanating evidently from the same source, have appeared in The Appeal to Reason, a Socialist paper published in Girard, Kan. As long as these communications appear in publications of the class to which the three mentioned belong—that is, rank Socialist and anarchistic sheets, I did not think them worth answering, as sober-minded and unprejudiced men are not likely to give much credence to statements appearing in such papers; but, since The Observer has seen fit to copy one of these slanderous letters, thus putting it before a large number of the best people of our State, it is fitting and proper that the truth be told in order that our county may not suffer defamation at the hands of unprincipled blackguards and liars, for such they are.

When the readers of The Observer are acquainted with the character of the man who is responsible for the publication of these slanders I do not believe it will be necessary to go into details, but simply to state that there is not a single truthful statement in the entire letter. While these letters have all appeared without signatures, your correspondent is feady to wager almost any odd thing against a ginger cake that he can name the man from whom these letters emanated. At present he is living in Charlotte, having recently completed a fifteen days' sentence on one of the Gaston county chaingangs. He served this sentence in preference to paying a fine of \$2.50 and the costs for an assault on a preacher, Rev. J. A. Hoyle. This man was forced to leave Gastonia because a warrant was outstanding against his wife for running a disorderly house. Before he became an evangel of Socialism some months ago his business was to sell lists of names to wholesale liquor houses, this fact being one of personal knowledge with the writer of this communication. His actions while a resident of Gastonia were such as to brand him as a most undesirable citizen with all decent people.

Mr. W. P. Eddleman, county superintendent, a few days ago, when approached by me for a statement, said that the alleged statements made by the Charlotte writer in The Daily Socialist and in The New York Evening Call were lies from beginning to end and there were no facts whatever on which they were based. Of the two worst cases mentioned in this letter, viz., those of Jonathan Wesley Edwards and John Collins, your correspondent learned something to-day in conversation with one of the guard at camp No. 2

of the chaingang force, Mr. McArver. The letter says: "Jonathan Wesley Edwards, aged 21, sentenced six years for stealing a \$150 horse, was put in charge of the rock crusher. The fine sharp rock dust tore into his eyes, causing one eyeball to collapse completely and partially blinding him in the other eye, so that he can barely distinguish forms. He is still in chains and is still compelled to work." The truth regarding this case is that Edwards came to the camp suffering with a severe venereal disease which caused his blindness and is under the constant care of the county physician, who visits the camp regularly. He is not compelled to work, is given all the medicine the doctor prescribes, and the superintendent has made repeated efforts to have the Governor pardon him. So much for Edwards.

The second case is that of John Collins, who, according to this letter, was crushed by a car which he was driving and was, so this letter says, allowed to groan in agony all night without medical aid. Mr. McArver, chief guard at the camp where Collins was, was there at the time and states to your correspondent that Collins voluntarily went to work the next morning, saying that he was not much injured and was not suffering. He had medical attention and slept well the night he was injured. The third and last case that we mention, these three being the worst recounted, is that of George Lawings, a one-legged man who, the Socialist writer says, was, according to general report, beaten to death because of his physical inability to work. The facts in this case are that Lawings died from a form of blood poisoning; he was given every attention by the county physician; he was not chained, as stated, and, when it was known that his condition was serious his mother and father were sent for and were with him when he died. Lemons and other delicacies for the sick man were purchased by the superintendent out of his private funds.

J. W. ATKINS,
Gastonia, Sep. 23d, 1908.

A SIMILAR DENIAL OF CHARGES.

Mr. F. P. Hall Authorized to Brand the Article as a Series of Exaggerations and Falsehoods.

To the Editor of The Observer. The article from The Daily Chicago Socialist in Monday's Observer was read in Gaston county with a smile and passed over as the vapors of the fevered imagination of some wandering member of that strange cult that seems to find the present order of society all out of joint. The reputation of Captain Todd, the superintendent of the stockade, as a humane yet vigorous manager of convict labor is so well established in this county that it is altogether unnecessary, as far as our people are concerned, to enter any denial of these charges. Only the fact that you dignify the article by special mention in your editorial columns leads to any notice being taken of it.

Without troubling to discuss the specific allegations the writer is authorized to deny them in toto and to brand the article as a fabrication from the flimsiest nothings—merely a series of exaggerations and falsehoods.

The convicts of Gaston county are well housed and well fed and so humanely treated that they invariably prefer work on the "gang" to idleness in jail. Four times a year the grand jury visits the stockade and makes a thorough investigation. The county physician is in regular attendance. Practically every well-behaved convict leaves the camp the firm friend and admirer of Captain Todd and his many corps of assistants. The management of the stockade has the full endorsement of the best people of Gaston county.

F. P. HALL,
Belmont, N. C., Sept. 23d, 1908.

Plot to Rob Bank.

George Murphy, a young white man of Salisbury, was arrested Monday night on a charge of conspiracy to rob the Wachovia Loan & Trust Company, of Spencer. Murphy was caught by the divulgence of his plans to the officers by one of his confederates. All preparations had been made for dynamiting the vault. A residence was to have been set afire in a distant part of the town to attract the attention of the citizens at the time of the robbery.

Cupid Disappointed

Cherryville Eagle. Frank Thornburg, of this place, and Miss Lilly Dellinger, daughter of Samuel Dellinger, eloped last Saturday night and while on their way to South Carolina to get married, were overtaken about seven miles from Cherryville by the girl's father. The father brought his daughter back home and left Frank somewhat lonely and very much disappointed.

President Roosevelt returned Tuesday to Washington from Oyster Bay, Long Island, where he has been spending the summer at his home.

TOWN AND COUNTY.

—St. Mary's College and Mountain Island will cross lats Saturday at St. Mary's Athletic Park, Belmont. The game will be called at 3 o'clock.

—The Merry Widow" is scheduled for the night of October 2d and 3d at the Academy of Music, Charlotte. A number of Gastonia people will probably go over to take it in.

—Forty-odd new subscribers was The Gazette's record for last week; this week it will run to more than fifty. Have you subscribed? If not, do it to-day.

—Mr. John C. Rhyne, of Greenville, S. C., formerly of this county, was in Gastonia Wednesday and Thursday, visiting his father-in-law, Mr. W. V. Lineberger, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Rhyne.

—"Rivals for a Week," the picture which drew large crowds to the AmuseU Monday, will be put on again Saturday. To-morrow's reel contains three subjects, viz: "Sold Again," "Save the Pieces" and "2,000 Miles Without a Dollar."

—The last excursion of the summer season over the C. & N.-W. was run last Saturday from Gastonia to Mortimer. Not very many went from this place but by the time the train reached the mountains, the crowd was a large one.

—Work is progressing on the warehouse being erected near the Ozark Mill by the Farmer's Union. The walls are nearly completed and it will be only a short time until it will be in readiness for storing cotton. It is built to hold 2,000 bales.

—The following cases were disposed of in police court Wednesday morning: Elizabeth Gilliam, colored, affray with J. W. Kirkpatrick, the former being discharged and the latter fined a penny and the costs; Doc Caldwell, drunk and down, fined a penny and the costs; Ol Cook, larceny of a pair of pants from McArthur's store, found not guilty.

—At the request of the police authorities at Mount Holly, a white man named Dolph Smith was arrested yesterday morning by Officer Merritt at the corner of Clarkson street and West avenue. He was not long in landing his man, after the instructions were given. It is understood here that the charge against him is the theft of a sum of money from a Mount Holly lady. He was locked up to await the arrival of an officer from Gaston to carry him back.—Charlotte Observer, 23d.

—Work is progressing nicely on the handsome residence Mr. W. H. Jenkins is building on Marietta street next to the Presbyterian church. The slate roof is now being put on. This residence is built of white brick and when completed will be one of the handsomest in town. Work is also moving along rapidly on Mr. Sam Patrick's new residence on East Franklin avenue and on Mr. L. H. Long's residence on West Franklin avenue. These three homes when finished will add much to the looks of the town.

—Numbers of Gastonia people are now without cooks, the annual immigration of the colored women to the cotton fields having begun again. Because of the fact that laborers are more plentiful than usual this season, the price of cotton picking is not so good as usual. In sections of the county 30 cents per hundred pounds is the price being paid, while last year it was about 60 cents.

ROBBED OF \$3,700.

Durham Man Held Up by Three Men, Robbed and Wounded by Pistol Shots.

Industrial News. Durham, Sept. 23.—Durham continues to experience events of a startling nature. This time, however, it was a robbery instead of a murder. C. E. Mangum, a well-known livery stable man of this city, was held up to-night at about 10 o'clock, a little below east Durham by three men and robbed of \$3,700 in cash.

Yesterday Mr. Mangum drove to Raleigh, a distance of twenty-six miles, and disposed of some property there and it was on his return to this city that the highwaymen relieved him of his money. Mr. Mangum says that as he was driving along the roadside, one of them grabbed the horse's head and the other two caught the sides of the buggy.

The men immediately rifled his pockets and when one of them got his wallet he said: "I have got it," which were the only words spoken by either of them. As soon as the robbers had gotten the money they began firing at Mr. Mangum with pistols. He was struck twice in the left arm and two balls went through his coat. Mr. Mangum did not recognize his assailants, but says that the two who came to the buggy were white men.

The police were notified of the affair and are doing what they can to get a clue to the robbers.

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As intimated in Tuesday's Gazette Gastonia is to have a second hospital. It is understood that application for a charter was sent to Raleigh yesterday afternoon. As soon as it is granted a meeting of the stockholders will be held, officers and directors elected and other details perfected. Already a lease has been secured on one of the Craig houses on West Air Line street. This will afford ample and commodious quarters for the institution for the present. We are informed that the title of the institution will be the City Hospital, though whether this has been definitely determined we do not know. The stockholders include a number of prominent physicians of Gastonia together with a number in other towns in the county. In reference in Tuesday's Gazette to this institution as a "rival" hospital, the erroneous impression was perhaps made on some of our readers that the spirit which prompted the organization of this hospital was one of real "rivalry," while such is not the case. As we understand it this institution is the outgrowth of a desire on the part of quite a number of reputable physicians of the county to have a co-operative institution where they may all bring their patients for treatment instead of taking them to Charlotte or elsewhere. With excellent quarters and an able corps of physicians behind it we see no reason why the City Hospital should not prove a successful enterprise.

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MRS. LUVENIA McARVER.

Francisco Milan, mayor of West Tampa, Fla., committed suicide in a bedroom at his residence Wednesday afternoon in the presence of his wife who had just told him good-bye, intending to begin proceedings for divorce. He was a Cuban by birth and has been mayor of West Tampa for eight terms.