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The story of Hulda Burgess, the young white girl who is now confined in a lunatic's cell as the result of the teachings of the "unknown tongue" mountebanks, as recounted on the first page of today's Gazette, should be enough to arouse the people of Gastonia to the important fact that we are harboring in our midst a force that is working more evil in a day than any half dozen other things that one could mention almost. It is not a case by itself but one in a series of cases wherein lives have been blighted utterly and without cause, save that the luts and pockets of these moral and mental perverts might be satisfied. The Gazette has previously mentioned at least four other instances wherein life-wrecks in Gastonia have been traced directly to the pernicious influences of these near-religious fakirs. Will the citizens of Gastonia sit quietly by and let this kind of thing go on? We do not believe that our people generally have realized the enormity of the "unknown tongue" influence for evil or they would have ere this taken action that would have rid our town and county of such a pest.

Rev. L. S. Massey, of Oxford, has been elected editor of The Raleigh Christian Advocate to succeed Dr. T. N. Ivey, who goes to Nashville, Tenn., as editor of The Nashville Christian Advocate.

Personal Mention.

—Mr. R. B. Babington left Sunday afternoon for Raleigh to attend the commencement exercises of the A and M. College. His son, Mr. R. Kenneth Babington, is a member of the graduating class, completing the course in electrical engineering. His friends will be interested to know that he has already accepted a lucrative position with the Western Electric Company at Atlanta and expects to take up his work there about the first of July.

—At a meeting of the board of city school commissioners yesterday afternoon Miss Eula B. Glenn was re-elected a member of the Central school faculty at the same salary as last year. The superintendent, Prof. J. S. Wray, was empowered to communicate with Miss Marie Craig and Miss Brown, of South Carolina, and to employ one of them at a salary of \$45 per month. There are still two or three vacancies to fill before the faculty is complete for next session.

—We draw the attention of the public to one of the most important little books that ever appeared to benefit humanity. It is "Human Happiness; the Message of Christ," by Charles Arany, which is now being circulated in Gastonia and vicinity at present. It can also be ordered by mail, sending 50 cents to the publisher at Thermal City, N. C. This book gives instruction to the happy and consolation to the unhappy and is worth a thousand times what it costs.

—The attention of our readers is called to the Stanley letter in which will be found an account of the action taken yesterday by the rural mail carriers of the county looking toward the holding of a county rally and picnic on Labor Day, September 5th. The carriers left the place undecided, the intention being to hold the picnic in whatever locality seemed most willing to co-operate with them in making the affair a success. At the meeting yesterday a strong pull was made, we understand, by the people of River Bend township for the picnic, but the matter was left open to give other parts of the county a chance to bid for the occasion. There will be no necessary expense, we are informed, but that locality will be chosen which seems most disposed to help make the occasion a success. We should be glad to see the rally held in the vicinity of Gastonia, and proper efforts would be likely to result in its being held near here.

Greensboro gets the Republican State convention, which is slated for August 10th.

ENORMOUS EXPENDITURES.

More Than Twice the Amount Spent to Run Government Under Taft Administration as Under Cleveland—No Wonder Cost of Living Has Increased Fifty Per Cent.

By Clyde H. Tavenner Correspondent of The Gazette.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—One hundred and thirty-three millions of dollars! Try to comprehend the magnitude of this sum if you can, and then pause and reflect over the fact that it is the amount the Senate has voted to spend on the navy in a single year, and in a time of profound peace. Then consider that only 12 years ago, in 1898, the naval appropriation was but \$33,003,234, or one hundred millions less than the amount appropriated for the coming year.

A fact in connection with this awful increase which the public seldom hears is that every penny of this \$100,000,000 which is to be spent in excess of the amount used in 1898 comes from the people; not from the rich, but largely from the working men and women.

It is the ultimate consumer who pays the battleship bills, who maintains an ever-increasing army of office-holders in Washington and who meets the one-hundred-and-one extravagances of the government. He does it by paying excessive prices for the things he buys.

The government raises practically all of its funds through the customs houses and the internal revenue offices, where taxes are levied on things eaten, worn or used by the people. When the consumer purchases a protected article—and practically all of the necessities of life are protected—he pays the real or natural value of the article and in addition thereto the amount of the tariff tax.

The more battleships constructed, the greater the amount the government must raise through the tax on consumption, and the greater the cost of living.

Thus it is not so strange that under the Taft administration, which is spending more than twice the amount used by Cleveland to run the government, the cost of living is 50 per cent. greater than under the Cleveland administration.

While the hat, coat and shirt of the masses are taxed almost 71 per cent. to build \$11,000,000 battleships and keep an extravagant government in spending money, Messrs. Rockefeller, Morgan et al., are not asked by the Federal government to pay any tax whatever on their swollen fortunes.

Wealth escapes bearing its just share of the burden of taxation because of the absence of a Federal income or inheritance tax, such as were long ago adopted by Great Britain, Germany, France, Japan, Holland, Austria, Denmark, Switzerland, Australia and New Zealand.

A majority of both branches of Congress were in favor of tacking an income tax clause to the new tariff law. Such legislation would now be upon the statute books had not President Taft and Senator Aldrich defeated the project by substituting a corporation tax. That the necessary three-fourths of the state legislatures will not vote to amend the constitution is now practically certain, which means that an income tax can only be secured at the hands of a Democratic administration.

It is estimated that in 1908 the cost of living was nearly 12 per cent. higher than it would have been without a tariff. Hence, calculating that the average family consumed \$941 worth of supplies per annum, its increased payment on account of the tariff was \$111. Of this \$111, \$16.50 went to the government in collections, and \$94.50 went to the trusts in high prices. Of this \$94.50 \$9.25 was on woolens, more than \$17 on other clothing, \$6.25 on furniture, \$4.25 on beef and mutton and pork, \$10.25 on building materials and so on.

In 1910, the cost of living being 15 per cent. higher than in 1908, the average family pays \$1080, of which 10 per cent., or \$108, is tribute to the trusts and other protected industries.

Here is a little table which speaks for itself. It compares the expenditures on the army and navy in a period of peace with amounts expended for features of civil establishment:

EXPENDED SINCE 1897.

For rural free delivery\$ 173,755,313
For rivers and harbors 296,075,191
For public buildings and grounds 128,172,407
For the navy 1,126,210,193
For the army 1,044,101,188

The exposure of Ballinger's secret relations with George W. Perkins, of J. P. Morgan & Co., in Alaskan matters, has started reports that the usefulness of the present secretary of the interior to even the land-

land-grabbers has been destroyed. It is anticipated that as a compromise the investigating committee will not only whitewash Ballinger, but will enamel him as white as the lady of spotless town, and that in acknowledgement of this courtesy he will hand in his resignation.

President Taft, in an interview, printed in the June McClure's, praises Aldrich to the skies and says "there were not a few reductions in the tariff schedules which were introduced at his instance, or with his consent." In other words, concessions in legislation which was to affect the cost of living to 90,000,000 Americans could only be had with the "consent" of a political boss, and that political boss the acknowledged representative of the tariff trusts and Wall Street millionaires! "We all know that Taft will be renominated. That is inevitable," says the Washington Post, which in the National Capitol is considered by many to be an administration mouthpiece.

There is little doubt but that the stand-patters still seriously consider Taft the logical candidate in 1912, and if there are in the majority in Congress after the approaching Congressional elections are over, the President will have little or no difficulty in securing a renomination if he desires it. It is understood in many quarters that the promise of a renomination was the price paid by the powers-that-be for the Presidential signature to the upward revision tariff bill.

Near Beer Saloons.

The beginning of a new tax and license year, which starts June 1st, will, it is understood, bring two near-beer saloons to Gastonia. One will be located East of the town proper, in the Loray Mill section, and will be operated, it is stated, by Mr. J. M. Parker. The other, we are informed, will be located in a building on Main street, now vacated, which is being put in readiness for it. The town license is \$1,000 and the State and county license is \$60. A consignment of the "near" article reached Gastonia today.

Only twenty-five cents for an evening of pleasant entertainment at the auditorium Wednesday night.

Richmond P. Hobson, the hero of the Merrimac, delivered the annual address to the graduating class at the A. and M. College.

Don't Miss the Concert at the Auditorium to-morrow night. It will be well worth the price.

Mr. A. J. Maxwell, of Dover, was Saturday elected clerk of the North Carolina Corporation Commission to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Mr. H. C. Brown to succeed the late B. F. Aycock as a member of that body. He has twice been assistant chief clerk of the State Senate.

T. C. Robinson, for eight years clerk of the Superior Court of Anson county, died Saturday at his home in Ansonville. The Wadesboro bar association met yesterday and requested Judge Adams to appoint to fill the vacancy caused by his death some one who would not be a candidate for the office.

Just Like Iron.
"See here," said the irate customer as he entered the clothing store, "you said this pair of trousers would wear like iron. I've worn them less than six weeks, and now look at them. Do you call that wearing like iron?"
"Well, why not?" rejoined the proprietor. "Aren't they rusty enough to suit you?"—Chicago News.

Sounded Like a Game.
"We had an African explorer at the club last evening. He talked of progressive Abyssinia."
"Sounds interesting. How do you play it?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Goaded.
Saving became a passion with the man and the woman. No privation was too great if so by it they might add to their accumulations. And they labored jointly. The woman's sacrifice was in every respect equal to that of the man.
But when they had amassed \$10,000 the man, because he had the power, took the money and purchased with it not the automobile which he had led his faithful wife to expect, but a home. "Brute!" she cried, and when next a mob of suffragettes came that way she joined them. Who could blame her?—Puck.

A Light Eater.
"Look here!" exclaimed the landlady, who had agreed to board and lodge a man at reduced rates. "You told me you were a light eater."
"So I am, ma'am," replied the boarder. "I'm the 'human salamander' at the local music hall. You ought to see me swallow burnin' torches!"—London Scraps.
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Music Recital.

An appreciative audience assembled at the Central school auditorium last Friday night to attend the closing recital for the year given by the pupils of Miss Annie J. Latimer. An excellent program had been arranged and the pupils exhibited splendid aptitude and training by unusually good renditions of difficult pieces. Among those who took part in the program: Misses Helen Ragan, Charlie Huss, Annie Clifford, Ethelda Armstrong, Mary Costner, Sue Ramsey Johnston, Ida Flanagan, Elma Rankin, Gladys Gray, Sallie Morton, Nancy Watson, Lucy Boyce, Margaret Louise LaFar, Mary McLean, Lois Torrence, Jessie Nolen, Lavinia Hunter, Clara Armstrong, Lillian Watson and Masters Ralph Armstrong and Lacy Adams. Miss Latimer has gone to Montreat where she will spend the summer, returning to resume her class work about the middle of September.

The "Jinrickaha Chorus" at the concert in the auditorium Wednesday night will be something new and novel.

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